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Controversial pop icon Michael Jackson dead at 50

Michael Jackson, the child star turned King of Pop who set the world dancing but whose musical genius was overshadowed by a bizarre lifestyle and sex scandals, died on Thursday. He was 50.

Jackson was pronounced dead at 2:26 p.m. local time after arriving at a Los Angeles hospital in full cardiac arrest, said Fred Corral of the Los Angeles County Coroner's office. The cause of death was not known and an autopsy would likely take place on Friday, he said.

Jackson was taken ill at home and his personal physician tried to resuscitate him but could not, his brother Jermaine told reporters. Jackson was taken by paramedics to the hospital, where doctors worked for more than an hour to try to revive him before pronouncing him dead, the brother said.

Known as the "King of Pop," for hits that included Thriller and Billie Jean, Jackson's dramatic, one-gloved stage presence and innovative dance moves were imitated by legions of fans around the world.

His lifetime record sales tally was believed to be around 750 million, and with his 13 Grammy Awards and boundary-breaking music videos he was one of the most successful entertainers of all time.

"For Michael to be taken away from us so suddenly at such a young age, I just don't have the words. I've lost my little brother today, and part of my soul has gone with him," Quincy Jones, who helped arrange the music on the album Thriller and produced the Off the Wall album, told MSNBC.

Jackson had been due to start a comeback series of concerts in London on July 13 running until March 2010. Jackson was one of the first black entertainers of the MTV generation to gain a big crossover following. As he grew older he appeared to lighten his skin to a pale white — which he said was caused by the skin pigmentation condition vitiligo.

There were concerns about Jackson's health in recent years — last year he was photographed in Las Vegas in a wheelchair for reasons that were never explained.

But the promoters of the London shows, AEG Live, said in March that Jackson had passed a 4-½ hour physical examination with independent doctors.

About 200 fans and reporters gathered outside the Los Angeles hospital. Some fans cried and hugged each other.

Jackson was born on Aug. 29, 1958, in Gary, Ind., the seventh of nine children. Five Jackson boys — Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Michael — first performed together at a talent show when Michael was 6. They walked off with first prize and went on to become a best-selling band, The Jackson Five, and then The Jackson 5.

Jackson made his first solo album in 1972, and released Thriller in 1982, which became a smash hit that yielded seven top-10 singles. The album sold 21 million copies in the United States and at least 27 million worldwide.

Jackson is survived by three children named Prince Michael I, Paris Michael and Prince Michael II.

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"Michael Jackson showed me that you can actually see the beat." - Diddy

"I am greatly saddened ... Especially for his children." - Demi Moore

"I truly hope he is memorialized as the '83 moonwalking, MTV owning, invincible Michael Jackson." John Mayer

"Michael Jackson was my inspiration. Love and blessings." - Miley Cyrus

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Career Timeline

- 1968: The Jackson 5 signs with Motown Records.
- 1970: They become first group to have their first four singles hit No. 1.
- 1972: First solo album.
- 1982: Releases Thriller — which becomes best-selling album of all time.
- 1994: Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley are married.
- 2001: Invincible album debuts at No. 1.
- 2003 He is booked on suspicion of child molestation.
- 2005: Found not guilty in child-molestation trial.
- 2009: Tickets for Jackson's 50 London concerts sell out within hours.

For up-to-date coverage on his death, visit: **metronews.ca**

IranCrisis

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SameSex Marriage

Metro Canada is taking a closer look at the state of same-sex marriage. We will look at same-sex marriage in Canada, the United States and around the world — and introduce you to people who have gotten married, or plan to tie the knot.

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Local

Bear hugs for hunger at ByWard

This Saturday, a hug does more than make you feel good — it feeds the less fortunate. Kraft Peanut Butter Bears — Smoothie and Crunchy — will be giving free bear hugs at ByWard Market in an effort to relieve hunger in Ottawa. For each hug given, Kraft will donate one 500-gram jar of peanut butter — up to 5,000 jars — to the Ottawa Food Bank. For those who can't make it to ByWard Market, visit spreadthefeeling.ca to send a virtual hug. METRO OTTAWA

News in brief

SAFETY Ottawa police have targeted tailgating and pedestrian safety as the focuses of its Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) next month. In 2008, one-third of the 30 traffic fatalities in Ottawa involved pedestrians. In 2008, tailgating caused 4,808 rear-end collisions. These collisions resulted in one death and 1,449 injuries — 15 life-threatening.

ARTS The Ottawa Arts Court Foundation introduced Barbara Brunzell as their new director of communications and development. The position was created with a two-year, $123,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Brunzell, a classically trained actress and former CBC arts correspondent, graduated from Canterbury High, and first worked at Arts Court as a publicist for the Ottawa Fringe Festival. METRO OTTAWA

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What's online today.

Video A hearing is told a soldier was allegedly playing a game of 'quick draw' when a comrade was accidentally shot at **metronews.ca/canada**

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Artist abstracts his reality

U.S. painter's 'revolutionary' works 'not just making a design'

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At first glance, it may appear that you're looking at a collection of abstract paintings. But after speaking to the artist, you learn that you're looking at moments in a man's life.

The National Gallery of Canada's largest-ever retrospective collection of Thomas Nozkowski's work is also the first American solo exhibition by the NGC in a decade.

Many of the 60 works in Nozkowski's first — and so far, only — exhibition in Canada, are on loan from private collectors, NGC director Marc Mayer said Thursday.

The works themselves are "revolutionary" and "unorthodox in the history of abstraction" in that it makes references to the real world, Mayer said.

Nozkowski, who began painting in this style in the early 1970s, had his first exhibit in 1973. Since then, he's had 70 solo shows and has exhibited in over 300 galleries.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

American artist Thomas Nozkowski poses by an untitled work he created prior to the death of his mother. Nozkowski's works — which are featured in a solo exhibit at the National Gallery of Canada through Sept. 20 — may appear to be abstract, but tell the story of his life.

His goal was to create paintings that embodied the things that meant something to him.

"Every painting has a source of reality," he said.

"I'm not just making a design. It's something that I care about, that I love or hate. And if some of that comes through, that really is everything to me."

In one of his earliest memories, Nozkowski was walking with his father and picking apples from his grandfather's orchard. As the pair roasted the apples on sticks, an apple popped open, exposing the white flesh. In 1995, the memory became a painting.

Although each painting is personal, he said people will have their own ideas of what they see.

"Art is about the freedom to see what you want," he said.

Because of this, none of his paintings have a title. Each of his works is coded with a number, leaving viewers free to formulate their own interpretation.

Teddy bears to have day in the sun at CHEO's family picnic

It's one of the only times that bears are not only welcome at a picnic, but when they're the guests of honour.

The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario's 26th annual Teddy Bears' Picnic is held on the grounds of Rideau Hall Saturday. The event, hosted by the CHEO and the CHEO Foundation as a thank you to hospital supporters, is an annual tradition.

The event starts at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast and includes the popular B*A*S*H Tent (Bear Ambulatory Surgical Hospital), where children are invited to bring their teddy bears and other stuffed animals for checkups and minor repairs; a parade of mascots at 9:30 a.m.; and carnival games, children's rides, clowns, face painting and free tours of the Governor General's residence. Most entertainment is free. Children can also make a teddy bear for $12 at the Build a Buddy tent.

Shuttle buses will bring visitors from the Canadian Aviation Museum throughout the day.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Decision on O'Brien motion set for Friday

COURT The trial of Larry O'Brien is to reconvene for one day, possibly its last, Friday morning as Judge Douglas J. Cunningham rules on a motion to dismiss the charges against the Ottawa mayor.

O'Brien is facing two criminal charges stemming from allegations that he offered Terry Kilrea a spot on the National Parole Board in exchange for Kilrea's withdrawal from the 2006 mayoral election.

Defence lawyer David Pacaciocco earlier this month argued the charges should be dismissed because even if Kilrea's allegations were proven, the political advantage to O'Brien from Kilrea dropping out of the race was an intangible one, and thus does not fit the Criminal Code definition of a benefit or reward.

Crown prosecutor Scott Hutchison argued that the removal of his rival from the campaign was "a direct concrete and explicit benefit accruing to Mr. O'Brien immediately upon the consideration flowing to him."

Judge Cunningham adjourned the trial June 9 to consider the arguments, and is to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. Friday. If the defence motion to dismiss the case is unsuccessful, court proceedings could resume as soon as July 6. STEVE COLLINS/ FOR METRO OTTAWA

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Aboriginal man not exempt, judge rules
CBC News Online reports a man who says he's a member of the "Indian Nation of Turtle Island" is not exempt from Saskatchewan traffic tickets, a Regina judge has ruled. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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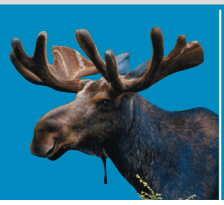

Man charged in moose crash

RCMP in Sussex, N.B., have charged a man in connection with a car-moose collision that seriously injured a 32-year-old woman, CBC News Online reports. The woman remains in the intensive care unit at a hospital in Moncton. Police initially believed the woman was driving alone when the crash happened last week in Mechanic Settlement in Kings County. METRO NEWS SERVICES

News in brief

POLL Conservatives have regained the lead in public support after a showdown that put the main opposition Liberal party on the defensive, according to a poll released Thursday. A weekly Ekos survey for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. put the Conservatives at 34.8 per cent, up from 32.4 per cent last week. The Liberals slipped to 32.6 per cent from 33.7 per cent, while the left-leaning New Democratic Party was at 14.3 per cent, down from 16.3 per cent. REUTERS

ACCESS Canada's outgoing information watchdog is threatening to seize documents from the Privy Council Office after complaints that the bureaucratic wing of the Prime Minister's Office is stonewalling some access-to-information requests. The information commissioner served formal notice on the Privy Council Office (PCO) this week. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Susie Kinshella, sister of Mary Crawford, one of the 20 women Robert Pickton is accused of killing, speaks with friends outside the B.C. Court of Appeal Thursday.

Court upholds murder verdict

Serial killer Pickton's appeal rejected

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

Serial killer Robert Pickton will not have a new trial, B.C.'s highest court ruled Thursday as it handed down a 2-1 decision dismissing his appeal of six second-degree murder convictions.

The decision was one of two parallel rulings on the Pickton case by the B.C. Court of Appeal.

The ruling means Pickton's case could be far from finished.

Appeal

- The Crown had also appealed Pickton's acquittal in the six counts of first-degree murder, arguing that it was a mistake to sever the six counts from the 26 that he was indicted on.

Because the decision was split, Pickton — who received a life sentence in 2007 without the eligibility of parole for 25 years — can automatically appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

No decision has been made yet about a future appeal, said Patrick McGowan, one of Pickton's lawyers. "It's a very long and complex set of reasons and that's going to take some analysis before the next step is decided on … I don't know how long that is going to take."

Pickton's lawyers were seeking a new trial, arguing that the trial judge made several mistakes, including an error in instructions to jurors during their deliberations.

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Ottawa quietly drops the veil issue
The federal government has quietly dropped the idea of forcing veiled women to show their faces if they want to vote in Canadian elections. The issue came to a boil in Canada in 2007, during three hotly contested federal by-elections in Quebec. METRO NEWS SERVICES

OPP probes hoax in Tory leadership election

POLITICS The ballots have all been cast for Saturday's Progressive Conservative leadership election, but the political backbiting and chicanery continues.

As the second of two days of voting on a successor to former leader John Tory ended, the Tories called in the Ontario Provincial Police to investigate some dirty tricks.

Conservative president Ken Zeise said false letters were sent to "certain party members suggesting the RCMP had been investigating fraud" in the leadership campaign.

"We have been in contact with the police.

"It would appear this communication is designed to intimidate voters," Zeise wrote in a letter to candidate Frank Klees's campaign.

The campaign had complained about a crude one-page commu-niqué warning the Mounties were probing "voter fraud."

"There has been no police investigation into our leadership race, prior to this communication being sent to party members.

"It would appear this communicati on is designed to intimidate voters."
Ken Zeise

"It's only as a result of the communication that the police have become involved."

Zeise said the prank appeared to have been designed to "disenfranchise members" by scaring them into not casting ballots.

The Klees camp claims some of its visible-minority supporters were targeted with the phony RCMP warning.

The campaign front-runner is MPP Tim Hudak (Niagara West-Glanbrook).

But he could be in a tight race with Klees (Newmarket-Aurora) and Christine Elliott (Whitby-Oshawa).

Randy Hillier (Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington) is the self-described "dark horse."

According to Elections Ontario, Elliott has so far raised $751,507 from 549 contributors, Hudak $645,946 from 514 donors, Klees $442,658 from 229 supporters, and Hillier $91,809 from 70 backers.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper listens to a question from a reporter after announcing on Thursday Pier 21 will be the site of Canada's new national immigration museum.

New role for historic Halifax pier

PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Canada

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced in Halifax Thursday morning that Pier 21 has been named the site of Canada's national museum of immigration.

Pier 21 had already been named a national historic site. Now it will be Canada's sixth national museum, and only the second outside of the Ottawa region.

Both Harper and Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter were present. At the announcement, Harper said he wasn't worried about the NDP's provincial sweep hurting the Tories in the next federal election.

"Each election at each level of government transpires for unique reasons," Harper told the crowd.

H1N1 flu a puzzler, says PM

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

Swine flu is mystifying the federal government.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday his government doesn't know why a pandemic of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, is hitting First Nations communities harder than others.

"We are very concerned, obviously, about the H1N1 generally and in particular the high incidents we've seen in certain aboriginal communities, particularly in Manitoba," Harper told reporters in Halifax.

This week First Nations leaders in Manitoba declared a state of emergency in response to the outbreak of H1N1.

Aboriginals in Manitoba have accounted for roughly two-thirds of the people requiring intensive care for swine flu, though they make up just 10 per cent of the population.

"I think the truth is we don't know."
Stephen Harper

Harper said the department of health is working closely with afflicted communities to try to find solutions.

But so far they have no answers. "I think the truth is we don't know," he said.

"We don't know why the H1N1 is more severe on some populations rather than others."

Feds deny T.O. streetcar funding

The City of Toronto says it will have to reallocate more than $400 million for new streetcars after the federal government denied funding, CBC News Online reports. The city manager's office said the "one-third federal government funding that was budgeted for this project is not forthcoming." METRO NEWS SERVICES

House seat for May Greens' new priority

Party leader announces plan to find, switch to the 'greenest riding in Canada'

The federal Green party is planning for an election to happen this fall and the new, number-one strategic priority is to make sure that leader Elizabeth May ends up with a seat in the House of Commons when it's over.

"Now the party is convinced that our number-one goal is to elect me to the House of Commons. So that changes quite a lot of things," May told Eastern Ontario Greens and reporters at an election-preparedness briefing yesterday.

May says she's ready to move ridings to make that happen and is now deciding whether she should run in Guelph, Ont., Owen Sound, Ont. or on Vancouver Island in the next campaign.

Her short list also includes Cumberland-Colchester in Nova Scotia, now vacant because of the retirement of independent MP Bill Casey, a former Conservative.

The Greens leader confirmed publicly for the first time yesterday that she's unlikely to run again in Central Nova, where she was defeated by Defence Minister Peter MacKay in the 2008 election. (MacKay won 46 per cent of the popular vote in Central Nova, while May won 32 per cent.)

The party is polling and testing the ground, in an unprecedented way, May said, in ridings such as Guelph, Bruce-Grey and Saanich Gulf Islands, where the Greens did well last year.

May said it comes down to the question: "Where is the greenest riding in Canada? Where is the place where people are more likely than anywhere else to say 'we want that voice in the House of Commons?'."

The Greens have also fired off letters this week to the television broadcasting consortium, trying to clarify whether May is guaranteed a spot in the leaders' debates. In the last campaign, May was only given a spot in the debate after a public outcry against her inclusion.

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Greens' famous friends

- May also said yesterday that veteran CBC broadcaster Ralph Benmergui has signed on as a senior adviser to the Greens, and that he'll be focusing on improving they party's communications.
- May plans to do less travelling out of whatever riding she chooses. Instead, the party will have "ambassadors" — celebrities such as singer Sarah Harmer and artist Robert Bateman — doing high-profile events around the country.

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Green Party Leader Elizabeth May attends a promotional appearance for her book titled Losing Confidence: Power, Politics, and the Crisis in Canadian Democracy in this file photo.

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Alberta adjusts oil royalty programs to keep money moving

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
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Struggling oil-based Albertans may be able to keep their heads above water, as the provincial government has again adjusted the royalty system to keep black gold flowing.

"There is necessity in times like this, when the economy is facing the circumstances that it is facing and commodity prices have been extremely volatile," Energy Minister Mel Knight said yesterday.

An extension of two energy incentive programs will pump a monetary transfusion through the province's lifeblood, currently diluted by the global economic slowdown.

The boom for Canada's cash cow is over. Recessions for the current budget year and the next are the reality facing Alberta, the afterbirth of low resource revenues.

A royalty credit will continue to provide $200 per metre drilled for qualifying wells, and a new well incentive program will offer a royalty rate up to five per cent for first-year production.

Both programs were set to expire in 2010.

"I think it will help, but I don't think it's going to be a dramatic turnaround."
CERI's Peter Howard, on a new Alberta oil royalty extension

Peter Howard, vice-president of the Canadian Energy Research Institute (CERI) in Calgary said while the government's royalty extension is a good thing, it might not be enough to keep companies drilling in the province.

"I think in simple terms it's going to help things a little bit, but in complex terms I don't think it offers enough stability for the long-term," Howard said. "I think it will help but I don't think it's going to be a dramatic turnaround."

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Torch relay set for 2010 Paralympics

SPORTS The 2010 Winter Paralympics will be launched with a 10-day torch relay across Canada that organizers said on Thursday will highlight the determination of disabled athletes.

The relay will begin March 3 in Ottawa and is expected to involve 600 torchbearers. They will carry the flame to Vancouver on the Pacific Coast, where the Paralympics are scheduled to start on March 12, following the end of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

The 2010 Paralympic Games in Vancouver and the nearby mountain resort community of Whistler are expected to draw about 1,300 athletes from more than 40 countries for events such as Alpine and Nordic skiing, and sledge hockey. REUTERS

Torch design

- The two Games torches are identically designed, although they will have different colors, with Paralympics being steel blue and the Olympics being white.

Canada's banks seeing opportunities to expand

FINANCE No country or bank has escaped the global economic turbulence unscathed, but Canada's financial services industry has held up better than most, and it is actively investing in capacity to go after new business.

"A lot of investment banks are no longer in business or no longer covering their customers with the same amount of balance sheet, or the same people that they did previously, and that offers a client opportunity," said Doug McGregor, co-chief executive at RBC Capital Markets, the investment banking arm of Royal Bank of Canada.

"This disruption has really given us a window."

As world markets slowly emerge from the doldrums that the recession brought, Canadian bankers see mining, energy, commercial real estate and agricultural commodities as possible areas for growth, in terms of existing operations or funding acquisitions and other projects.

McGregor said RBC Capital is increasing staff and infrastructure to take advantage of the opportunities, with a particular focus on business in the United States and Britain.

RBC and other Canadian banks aim to fill a void left by former powerhouses like Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc, which filed for bankruptcy protection in September after trying to finance too many risky assets with too little capital. Many other U.S. and European investment banks suffered similar fates. REUTERS

Ottawa accused of underspending $920M in immigration funds

IMMIGRATION Queen's Park is accusing Ottawa of shortchanging Ontario's newcomers by grossly underspending the $920 million immigrant settlement funding promised in a groundbreaking five-year immigration agreement that expires next year.

About $600 million of the money should have flowed into the province's language training, newcomer services and integration programs such as job search workshops by March, but so far only $407 million has reached the service providers. To add insult to injury, federal Immigration Minister Jason Kenney recently informed his Ontario counterpart, Michael Chan, that another $90 million would be "reprofiled" or docked and spent under a new agreement, which is currently under negotiation

Jason Kenney

Chan said his office has received numerous complaints from service agencies who have been told by Citizenship and Immigration Canada to put their new projects and expansion plans on hold.

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Spread the Feeling

June 27th at ByWard Market.

Kraft Peanut Butter invites you to *Spread the Feeling* on June 27th at ByWard Market. For every person who hugs one of the *Kraft* Peanut Butter bears we will donate a 500g jar of peanut butter to a local food bank. Help us get to our goal of 5,000 jars. You can also *Spread the Feeling* at spreadthefeeling.ca, where we will donate a jar of peanut butter for every virtual bear hug you send a friend. Together, let's see how far we can spread this thing.

With this ring I divorce you

A Polish couple in Germany decided to divorce after getting married the same day. Right after the civil ceremony on Wednesday, the 50-year-old man began arguing with his bride and tried to cut her hair with a kitchen knife, police said. The 34-year-old woman called police, who issued the man with a restraining order, which he readily accepted. REUTERS

World

Strung-out Wallabies running circles

The mystery of crop circles in poppy fields in Australia's southern island state of Tasmania has been solved — stoned wallabies are eating the poppy heads and hopping around in circles. "We have a problem with wallabies entering poppy fields, getting as high as a kite and going around in circles," the state's top lawmaker Lara Giddings told local media on Thursday. Poppy producer Tasmanian Alkaloids said livestock which ate the poppies were known to "act weird" — including deer and sheep in the state's highlands. REUTERS

News in brief

RUSSIA Cheap and illicit alcohol kills more than half Russian men and women in their most productive years and the government must act urgently to reverse the trend, a study says. The research conducted said "excess mortality from liver cancer, throat cancer, liver disease, and pancreatic disease is largely or wholly because alcohol caused the disease that caused death."

IRAN Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad accused Barack Obama Thursday of behaving like his predecessor towards Iran. "Our question is why he fell into this trap and said things that previously (former president George W.) Bush used to say," the semi-official Fars News Agency quoted Ahmadinejad as saying. REUTERS

Controversy and eccentricity

Jackson likely to be remembered for both, perhaps more than undeniable talent

Michael Jackson saw his musical versatility and head-turning dance moves propel him from child prodigy to solo superstar before child sex abuse scandals tarnished his reputation and his career.

News of Jackson's death broke as the 50-year-old singer was poised for a comeback with a string of 50 concerts scheduled to start in London July 13.

They were to be his first concert series for 12 years and were expected to earn Jackson more than $400 million according to concert promoters AEG Live.

Jackson's fame reached a climax in 1982 with the iconic album and music video Thriller.

He sold an estimated 750 million records and won 13 Grammys throughout a career that spanned four decades.

But the moon-walking, sequin-gloved performer was beset by eccentricities that in 2008 had turned him into a virtual recluse with a mountain of financial woes.

Concerns about his health had been rampant during his 2005 trial in California on charges of child sex abuse — at which he was acquitted — and in 2008 when he was photographed in Las Vegas in a wheelchair for reasons that were never explained.

Jackson was credited as the first black entertainer to gain a strong crossover following on music channel MTV.

But Jackson's belief that "I am Peter Pan in my heart," his preference for the company of children, his friendship with a chimp called Bubbles, his high-pitched voice and numerous plastic surgeries earned him the name "Wacko Jacko."

After two, ultimately unproved, allegations in 1993 and 2003 of sexually abusing young boys during sleepovers at his Neverland Ranch in California, Jackson never recovered the exuberance and musical creativity that marked his youth. REUTERS

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Pop star Michael Jackson poses after receiving the Legend Award at the MTV Video Music Awards Japan 2006.

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Don't trust H1N1 virus, world health chief warns

The World Health Organization says the H1N1 virus is stable and there's no sign of it mixing with avian flu or other viruses. But WHO director-general Margaret Chan, pictured, warned H1N1 is highly unpredictable. REUTERS

Next stop: a touch of Goethe

London's Tube offers riders a novel train of thought

Service announcements on the London Underground are no longer restricted to "The next station is ..."

They've been broadened to include the words of great thinkers such as Einstein and Goethe.

Passengers on the Piccadilly line will be able to hear philosophical, political and historical quotes from drivers as they rattle through subway tunnels.

The quotes, compiled by Turner Prize-winning artist Jeremy Deller, are part of a series of subway arts projects.

Staff are encouraged to use the quotes to talk directly to passengers, building a rapport and adding unexpected wit or insight during the commute.

"They are not doing it incessantly, but choosing their times deliberately," said Sarah McLean, spokesperson for Art On The Underground.

"When they need to make an announcement, they will look to use an appropriate quote."

The booklet What Is The City But The People, includes the following quotes:

- "To live is to dream," Friedrich Schiller.
- "Life is one long process of getting tired," Samuel Butler.
- "There is more to life than increasing at speed," Mahatma Gandhi.

And most aptly:

- "Hell is other people," Jean-Paul Sartre.

"One driver was given a bunch of flowers as a thank-you."
Sarah McLean

Reaction from drivers has been varied since the launch of the project in March.

"Some have absolutely loved it, while some have absolutely not," McLean said.

"Those who have agreed to do it have had a great response …

"One driver was given a bunch of flowers as a thank-you." REUTERS

Berlin **Here comes 'Super-Obama'**

TOBIAS SCHWARZ/REUTERS

Climate activists of the global advocacy group AVAAZ pose as "Wonder-Merkel" and "Super-Obama" in front of the Brandenburger Tor gate in Berlin on Thursday. The group staged a global warming rally in the German capital before a meeting between German Chancellor Angela Merkel and U.S. President Barack Obama in the U.S. later this week.

Thieves' limbs severed

SOMALIA Islamist insurgents in Somalia cut hands and feet off thieves on Thursday and paraded the severed limbs in the streets.

The rebels used long knives to cut off a hand and a foot each from four young men in Mogadishu as punishment for theft, witnesses said.

The men screamed in pain.

Some spectators vomited.

The severed limbs were hung from trees and electricity polls.

"The government is in a very fragile state."
U.S. official

The insurgents are seen as a proxy for al-Qaida.

Washington has sent weapons to Somalia's government in a bid to thwart them.

Western nations fear they could destabilize the region and provide safe havens for hardline Islamists from elsewhere.

"The government is in a very fragile state," a U.S. official said.

"The prospect of the government collapsing is sending alarm bells ringing in Western capitals," said Rashid Abdi, analyst at International Crisis Group.

Eritrea denies arming and training the insurgents. REUTERS

Spurn the G8, women told

OUTRAGE Italian female academics banded together Thursday to urge first ladies of the world's richest countries to boycott next month's G8 meeting.

The academics are angry over what they called Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's sexist behaviour.

The appeal, written by four professors in social psychology, has attracted 6,500 signatures.

"We are not referring just to the personal facts affecting the prime minister ... but also to the system for hiring public officials, sexist behaviour and sexist speeches which undermine women's dignity in the public sphere," the appeal said.

It's the latest fallout from media reports saying Berlusconi slept with a female escort who was paid to attend his parties. REUTERS

News in brief

IRAQ Hundreds of angry Iraqis gathered Thursday around the wreckage of a market bombing in Baghdad where 78 people were killed, demanding better protection from the government when U.S. troops pull back to rural bases. More explosions on Thursday killed five policemen and at least two civilians REUTERS

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Americans back greenhouse gas regulation: Poll

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Nigeria **Amnesty promised**

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Hungarians burst airline's balloons

An overeager crowd in the Hungarian capital thwarted low-cost airline Wizz Air's attempt to release 1,000 balloons for its fifth anniversary celebrations when they caught wind of the freebies attached.

Onlookers spied coupons worth 10,000 forints ($57) attached to each balloon and a free-for-all of popping and grabbing commenced before the balloons could be officially released from a giant net in the centre of Budapest.

"Someone popped one of the balloons, hoping to get the gift coupon that was attached to it," Wizz Air communications director Natasa Kazmer said. "As if on cue, the entire crowd attacked the net."

> **"Someone popped one of the balloons, hoping to get the gift coupon that was attached to it."**
> Natasa Kazmer, Wizz Air

Members of the crowd scrambled about chasing balloons and collecting as many coupons as they could. One young woman kneeled over a grill in the gutter, furiously trying to pick as many coupons as she could out of the rainwater underneath.

"The idea was that the balloons would spread far and wide, so we did not place a limit on how many vouchers they could use for a single purchase," Kazmer said.

Wizz Air had planned to release the vouchers after a press conference in a nearby hotel, where Eastern Europe's largest airline had planned to outline its long-term vision.

The crowd and the vouchers were mostly gone before most of the press sent to cover the event had arrived or CEO Jozsef Varadi could finish his speech.

News in brief

CENTRAL ASIA Russia wants its Central Asian allies to cooperate with Washington on Afghanistan and is ready to work with the United States on a new nuclear arms cuts pact, President Dmitry Medvedev said on Thursday. Afghanistan, viewed by the U.S. as a top foreign policy priority, and a replacement for the expiring 1991 START pact will be at the centre of talks between Medvedev and U.S. President Barack Obama in Moscow next month.

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U.S. needs $20 billion for highway funding

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Americans downsize homes

Recession dulls home buyers' appetite for 'McMansions'

Not only is the brutal recession driving more Americans into McDonald's for a cheap meal, but it has also dulled their appetite for McMansions.

Home buyers have lost their enthusiasm for the sprawling houses that cropped up across U.S. suburbs over the past decade.

Having learned that property values can go down as well as up, they are flocking to smaller homes that are cheaper to buy, furnish and heat.

Median new home sizes grew for much of the post-Second World War period, from less than 1,000 square feet in the 1950s to 1,400 square feet in 1970, then more than 2,400 square feet in 2004.

According to U.S. census data, the median size dipped in 2008 to 2,200 square feet, its first annual decline in 13 years, and has fallen further in 2009. REUTERS

New frugality

- Homebuilders, one of the first to feel the downturn, are rushing to accommodate the new frugality among first-time buyers.

Few sexually active teens in U.S. tested for HIV: Study

HEALTH Nearly half the HIV-positive U.S. adolescents and young adults are unaware of their infection, and less than a quarter of sexually active high school students are tested for the virus, U.S. health officials said on Thursday.

Only 22 per cent of sexually active high school students are tested for human immunodeficiency virus, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in an analysis.

It said people aged 12 to 24 represented 4.4 per cent of the estimated 1.1 million people in the U.S. infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Yet they represented 10 per cent of the 232,700 people living with the virus without knowing it. REUTERS

Call for Applications: Family Health Teams

The **Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care** is inviting applications from health care providers and/or community-based groups for the establishment of **Family Health Teams in the following Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs):** *North West*, *North East*, *Erie St. Clair*, *North Simcoe Muskoka*, *Central West*, *Central East*, *Champlain and South East.*

These LHINs were selected based on a range of key indicators of need, including proportion of Ontarians without a family health care provider, chronic disease prevalence and existing family health care resources.

In addition, the ministry is extending an invitation for the establishment of Family Health Teams to existing Shared Care Pilots and to applicants interested in expanding family medicine training capacity in an interdisciplinary family health care setting, within any LHIN.

Completed applications must be received by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care no later than **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2009.**

A comprehensive application package is available on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's website at:

www.health.gov.on.ca/familyhealth

Family Health Teams are locally driven family health care delivery organizations which include family physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and a range of other interdisciplinary health care providers who are committed to working together collaboratively to provide comprehensive, accessible, coordinated family health care within their local community.

Completed applications received after this time will not be considered. Applications can be submitted by e-mail, Canada Post or courier to:

Family Health Care and Screening Unit (FHT)
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Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics are locally-driven primary family health care organizations, which include registered nurses in the extended class, registered nurses, family physicians and a range of other health care professionals, who will work together to provide comprehensive, accessible and coordinated family health care services to a defined population. These clinics are part of the government's strategy to ensure that people have access to health care in their community instead of having to rely on hospital emergency departments.

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'Rights' vs. 'Rites' wrong

Rabbi Irwin Kula
Guest Columnist

During every cultural war, people of this country use religion to legitimize and re-affirm their pre-existing political, moral and psychological agendas.

Such is the case with gay marriage. Conservatives and liberals — the "rites" vs. "rights" groups — each cite various religious texts and values to support their own views.

Each side sincerely believes that by legitimizing their views with religious sources, they wield the ultimate trump card. However, this tactic merely renders religion irrelevant and ensures it does not contribute desperately needed wisdom to the public conversation. Neither side of this debate has been true to their professed values.

The "rites people" do not really care about the sanctity of marriage and the unconditional love and commitment to family values that such rites express and witness.

They are "freaked out" by the love shared by two people of the same gender, so they offer a hysterical, angry view that gay marriages will somehow undermine heterosexual marriages and family values.

If the "rites people" really believed society was better off when people committed to stay together, they would celebrate that more people in this country want to be in binding monogamous relationships.

On the other hand, the "rights people" are equally hypocritical.

Rather than worry about the label of marriage, which evokes fiery opposition, the "rights people" should concentrate on ensuring that every single legal right straight married couples share is mandated for similarly committed gay couples.

But as much as they care about rights, they are really "freaked out" by not having the affirmation of those who oppose them. They believe this affirmation will come with obtaining the legal right to call their relationship "marriage."

Instead of fixating on the rhetorical victory of the "marriage" label, they should focus on emptying the label of its content. Progress on human rights is always too fast for some and too slow for others.

Ultimately, equality comes not simply by fighting against each other, but from living together as family and friends and inevitably realizing that our differences are merely the mystery of life unfolding in all its variety. This movement is unstoppable, and paradoxically the rights and rites that now divide us will, in the end, bind us as a nation.

Rabbi Irwin Kula is the author of Yearnings: Embracing the Sacred Messiness of Life. He is currently the president of The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York City

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Views

On the lookout for summer bummers

UrbanCompass

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We seem to be in the clear so far, but there are always forces conspiring to sabotage the too-short summer in the nation's capital.

Just last week, for example, we were still being tormented with the prospect of an election campaign, the sticky late July march to the polls compounded by weeks of pissy partisan ads and stuffy summer all-candidates' meetings.

Thankfully, the politicos' career survival instincts kicked in, and most of them have now fled the city to afflict — I must mean "consult" — their constituents back home. Here, the locals bid them a cheerful farewell, if not good riddance.

City hall is also taking it easy this summer, with city council planning to meet for the last time on July 8 and then spare us the interminable debates on development charges and other municipal minutiae until September, though the influence-peddling trial of Mayor Larry O'Brien is back in court Friday.

I spotted His Worship one evening just after his trial was adjourned, enjoying live music and drinks with friends on the patio of the Black Bear pub, amiably glad-handing and posing for pictures as required by his public. The ever-cheerful accused, on leave from the duties of office, is seemingly not about to let a little legal trouble cramp his style this summer.

Perhaps we should follow his example. Even as we begin our seasonal rituals of sucking the exhaust fumes of the tour buses that have begun their migration, dodging the multiplying mobs of tourists in the Market, and negotiating the infernal street excavations on Preston, Bank and elsewhere, we can always be thankful (as usual) that we are not Toronto.

T.O.'s typically humid summer is off to a fetid start with a strike by outdoor workers and garbage already starting to pile up. If our brothers and sisters in Universe Central are forced to face this disruption, and the stench and health hazards it will bring, for weeks on end, at least they can do so with a strong drink in hand.

After all, the greatest threat so far, an LCBO strike, and with it the prospect of a long, dry summer, seems to have been neutralized.

In Ottawa we're only a bridge away from Quebec and the refuge of the SAQ, but transporting liquor across the provincial border is technically against the law. Anti-beverage roadblocks at the border, however, could have caused an uprising. I might have started it.

We remain ever-vigilant, but no obvious summer bummers loom to spoil Ottawa's cherished non-snowy period this year. Cheers!

Steve Collins lives, writes and walks in Ottawa; ottawaletters@metronews.ca.

Letters

Marriage is not a standard for gays to measure themselves

Re: Metro's Same-Sex coverage

As someone who marched in many gay rights marches back in the 1970s, I would like to take issue with your coverage of the same-sex marriage issue. You would appear to take it as a given that all in the gay community are automatically in favour of same-sex marriage and view it as an important civil right, with only the most intolerant and prejudiced homophobes fighting against it. The truth is otherwise. In the 1970s, same-sex marriage was a non-issue for gay activists, and coming out a gay person meant accepting your identity and rejecting empty institutions (like) marriage.

We need to focus on true self-acceptance and not be fooled into thinking that the right to same-sex marriage is ultimately the true reflection of that.

REX LEONARD, HALIFAX

Credit to columnist's bravery

Re: Right to full-body veil (June 25)

Great insight into the niqab and burka. Thankfully, only a very tiny fraction of women wear these. Mona Eltahawy is very brave and sensible and should be congratulated for being forthright to express her views, even if some might not agree with her.

ANELA JADUNANDAN, PICKERING, ONT.

Khamenei does not speak for Iranians anywhere

Re: Iran says vote will stand (June 25)

We (Iranians-Calgarians) really appreciate Metro Canada for keeping people up to date with Iran's crisis news. But I have one issue about a headline today's paper. I got so frustrated when I saw this title "Iran says vote will stand."

Who thinks (Ayatollah Sayyed Ali) Khamenei is equal to Iran? He is not even an Iranian.

NARGESS RABIEI, CALGARY

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Detroit's last remaining Cadillac dealership facing the axe

Three hundred and eight years after a man named Cadillac founded what became Detroit, the birthplace of the modern auto industry is to lose the last downtown auto dealership that sells cars bearing his name. Dalgleish Cadillac was informed by General Motors in early June that it must close by September 2010. REUTERS

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BoA sued for discrimination

Bank of America Corp. was accused in a Manhattan federal lawsuit of discriminating against female brokers at the former Merrill Lynch & Co. by offering them lower retention bonuses than male counterparts.

Thursday's lawsuit seeks class-action status, and contends that female brokers were typically eligible for lower bonuses because of gender bias at Merrill, including the practice of steering wealthier clients to male brokers.

Because bonuses were based on "production," or fees earned on client assets, the bonus distribution "disproportionately disadvantages women and advantages white men as favoured employees," the complaint said.

Retention bonuses are often awarded to brokers who work at companies being acquired to keep them from defecting, and top producers can reach seven figures. Bank of America has said it has about 15,800 brokers, most of whom came from Merrill. The bank bought Merrill on Jan. 1.

The case was brought by Jaime Goodman, who according to the complaint has worked at Merrill since 1992. It said she has been a top-quintile performer and "a $1 million producer for nearly a decade," but would have performed even better and gotten a higher retention bonus absent discrimination.

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Bell, Telus may offer iPhone as early as fall

MOBILE Wireless subscribers at Bell Canada Inc. and Telus Corp. who have been yearning for an iPhone may not have to wait much longer.

Sources say the two former phone monopolies will roll out a joint $1-billion upgrade of their wireless networks as early as this fall that will allow them to support a range of GSM-based devices including Apple Inc.'s iconic iPhone, so far only available in Canada through rival Rogers Communications Inc.

Unlike other handset vendors, Apple has played hardball with service providers by dictating everything from the way new iPhone accounts can be activated to the device's $199 price tag (16GB 3GS model) when bought with a contract.

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Units moved

- A Rogers spokesperson said the cable giant sold more than 385,000 iPhones during the second half of last year.

Business in brief

FILM U.K. movie studio Pinewood Shepperton says it hopes to get the Toronto movie industry moving again by using their internationally known brand to funnel movies into Canada. But local competitors yesterday cried foul over the city using taxpayer dollars to take an ownership stake in their newly built waterfront studio. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

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Fedorov headed home

Washington Capitals forward Sergei Fedorov is leaving the NHL after signing a two-year deal with Metallurg Magnitogorsk of Russia's Kontinental Hockey League, Fedorov's agent said Thursday. Fedorov recorded 483 goals and 696 assists in 1,248 regular-season NHL games. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Cav-a-Shaq

Two of the NBA's biggest stars are now teammates. The Cleveland Cavaliers completed a blockbuster trade Thursday, bringing superstar centre Shaquille O'Neal, left, from the Phoenix Suns to join current MVP LeBron James. The Cavs are sending centre Ben Wallace and swingman Sasha Pavlovic to the Suns, along with a second-round pick in the 2010 draft and cash. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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All-star coaching staff

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VANCOUVER 2010 Games

Hockey has been described as a game of inches, but Mike Babcock is looking at it as a game of 200 feet.

Officially unveiled yesterday as head coach of the Canadian men's hockey team for 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, Babcock discussed his blueprint for the team — one that is committed without the puck and plays the full length of the rink.

In other words, don't expect to see many one-dimensional players on the list when Babcock and his staff unveil the 44-man summer selection camp roster in the next 10 days.

"We're not looking to bring apples and make oranges," the Detroit Red Wings head coach said in a conference call yesterday. "We're going to bring the guys who do on a regular basis what we expect the Canadian Olympic team to do."

Babcock sat down with assistant coaches Ken Hitchcock, Lindy Ruff and Jacques Lemaire on Wednesday night and reviewed a list of selection camp candidates assembled by general manager Steve Yzerman over the past season.

Some of the hardest decisions will be down the middle. Sidney Crosby, Mike Richards, Vincent Lecavalier, Joe Thornton, Eric Staal, Ryan Getzlaf and Marc Savard are just the beginning of the star-studded list of centre-ice talent.

But Babcock said he won't hesitate to pick more centres and have them play out of their natural position.

"Steve (Yzerman) played on the wing in 2002 and he was a centre his whole life," Babcock said. "Good players just play the game and understand how it should be played."

While there will be plenty of emphasis placed on the summer camp, the staff will spend the first part of 2009-10 evaluating players, particularly younger ones.

Canada's staff will make the ultimate call, but Babcock said it's up to the players to prove their worth.

"They're going to decide who's on the team," he said.

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Team Canada's 2010 Men's Olympic hockey head coach Mike Babcock poses for a photo op with his assistant coaches Jacques Lemaire, Lindy Ruff and Ken Hitchcock Thursday in Montreal.

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NBA draft sees run on guards

PICKS The Los Angeles Clippers selected Oklahoma standout forward Blake Griffin as the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA Draft, but the top 10 picks were mostly dominated by backcourt players.

Memphis took Connecticut centre Hasheem Thabeet at No. 2, but there were seven guards taken amongst the top 10.

Oklahoma City selected Arizona State guard James Harden as the third selection. Sacramento also took a guard at No. 4 in Memphis' Tyreke Evans, who left after playing just one season for the Tigers. Minnesota had the fifth and sixth selections and chose a pair of guards. At No. 5 the Timberwolves got flashy Spanish guard Ricky Rubio and they also took Syracuse's Jonny Flynn sixth overall.

Knicks fans voiced their displeasure when Golden State took Davidson sharpshooter Stephen Curry at No. 7. New York then selected Arizona power forward Jordan Hill eighth overall.

Toronto made Southern California guard DeMar DeRozan the ninth pick.

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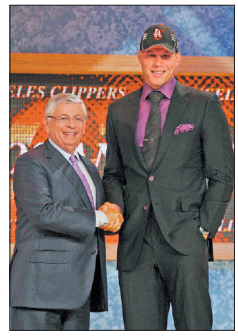

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Blake Griffen shakes hands with NBA commissioner David Stern last night at the draft.

Vince traded

- The New Jersey Nets dealt former Raptor Vince Carter and Ryan Anderson to the Orlando Magic on Thursday for Rafer Alston, Courtney Lee and Tony Battie.

All welcome on this field of dreams

TRACK AND FIELD From her muscular shoulders to her sweat-drenched singlet, Diane Roy's athleticism is there for all to see.

But for the veteran racer, it's long been the wheelchair others have focused on.

This weekend, however, for the third consecutive year, Roy, a 38-year-old from Hatley, Que., is participating in the Canadian track and field championships, an integrated event in which para-athletes and the able-bodied compete in events alongside each other.

"We've always known we're doing a real sport," said Roy, who lost the use of her legs as a teenager following an all-terrain vehicle accident and began wheelchair racing in 1992.

"But in terms of visibility, for the people watching, this makes us real athletes."

Canada, along with Australia and Great Britain, are "ahead of the curve" globally in integrating their national track and field championships, said David Greig of Athletics Canada.

This weekend, about 85 para-athletes — in wheelchairs, using prosthetics, visually impaired or with cerebral palsy — are competing at the Varsity Centre at the University of Toronto, and they represent about 10 per cent of the competitors in the championships.

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Sports in brief

MAPLE LEAFS Toronto GM Brian Burke says he's currently weighing an offer for Kaberle, Toronto's longest-tenured player. An "attention-grabbing" proposal arrived out of the blue for the smooth-skating defenceman, who sees his no-trade clause expire on Friday because the team missed the playoffs.

DRUGS Chicago Cubs catcher Geovany Soto says he is embarrassed after testing positive for marijuana at this year's World Baseball Classic. Soto says he will accept any consequences for his mistake. The Cubs released a statement during Thursday's 6-5 loss at Detroit saying they were unhappy about the news. The Cubs also said it was the first positive drug test of Soto's career.

UNIVERSIADE Canada will send a 307-member team to the 25th Summer Universiade which begins Wednesday in Belgrade, Serbia. The Canadian delegation of 212 athletes, along with 95 coaches, medical and administration staff, is one of the largest contingents attending the biennial World University Games.

SWIMMING Britta Steffen has set a new world record in the 100 metre freestyle, which she swam in 52.85 seconds at a meet in Germany.

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Canadian team is top football seed
Canada is the top seed in the International Federation of American Football's inaugural Junior World Championship. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Looking past stats

Hockey Hall of Fame should use broader criteria

It's hard to argue with the players who've just been selected to hockey's Hall of Fame. Leetch, Yzerman, Robitaille and Hull. It doesn't get much better than that.

But where's the magic?

Where's the imaginative touch distinguishing the institution as something more than a place where those who've accumulated the best numbers over their careers find the key to unlock the door?

Hockey is the ultimate team game. Why isn't there a willingness to include the teams that have defined the sport for many generations of fans?

One could think of both squads that played in the 1972 Summit Series, a confrontation that assumed an exalted meaning for the game and for the time in which it was played. The gritty Canadians persevered, but the surprising Soviets served notice that they were a force to be reckoned with.

It was the most famous set of games ever played. It featured three consecutive game winning goals by one player, Paul Henderson, whose name is familiar with most fans. Yet, neither the team nor the player is included in the Hall of Fame.

The "Miracle on Ice" Americans who won the Olympic gold medal at Lake Placid in 1980 are not in the Hockey Hall of Fame. Yet their improbable victory against the seemingly indestructible Soviet Union is the stuff of legend.

Hockey is about more than just individuals who score the most goals or win the most Stanley Cups. It is about mythology and tall tales. It should be about the characters that have made the game great and wonderful.

To that end, the Hockey Hall of Fame needs to be more inclusive, indeed imaginative, in selecting those who reside in the shrine for all time.

Not only should the great teams merit consideration but so too should the women who have pioneered a boom crossing the lines of gender. Players like Angela James and Cassie Campbell.

And one more thing, love him or hate him, Don Cherry is the most famous person in hockey. He is a character who has forged much of hockey's folklore.

These are the kinds of people who should gain entry to hockey's Hall. Their inclusion would ensure that all of our memories of a beloved game are filled with magic.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

STEFAN WERMUTH/REUTERS

Andy Murray returns the ball to Ernests Gulbis during their match Thursday at the Wimbledon tennis championships. Murray downed Gulbis 6-2, 7-5, 6-3.

Murray marches on, Hewitt back to best

TENNIS Andy Murray made light work of a tricky tea-time assignment at Wimbledon on Thursday while Lleyton Hewitt, the man who has already lifted the trophy the Scot so cherishes, rolled back the years to cause a big upset.

In front of 15,000 Centre Court fans and thousands watching the match on Henman Hill's giant screen, Murray devoured Latvian Ernests Gulbis 6-2, 7-5, 6-3 to clear another hurdle toward becoming Britain's first men's singles champion in 73 years.

Murray was joined in the third round by dogged Australian Hewitt, the 2002 champion, who produced a vintage display to dispatch fifth seed Juan Martin del Potro in straight sets.

Women's No. 3 seed Venus Williams, who along with her sister Serena has collected sackfuls of silverware here, powered past Ukraine's Kateryna Bondarenko to remain firmly on course for a hat-trick of singles titles.

The American five-time champion, who played with a strapping on her left knee, powered into the third round with a 6-3, 6-2 victory and was joined in the last 32 by Russia's world No. 1 Dinara Safina and French Open winner Svetlana Kuznetsova.

On another day of record-breaking crowds mercurial Frenchwoman Amelie Mauresmo, champion here three years ago, also progressed, dazzling the sun-roasted fans on Court Three with a comfortable defeat of Kristina Kucova.

Argentina's Del Potro, occupying the place in the draw vacated by injured champion Rafael Nadal, was given a lesson in grass-court play by Hewitt who posted a 6-3, 7-5, 7-5 victory.

Hewitt, backed by a vocal section of Australian fans decked out in yellow and green, moved his opponent all across the court and even flicked some lobs over the towering 20-year-old.

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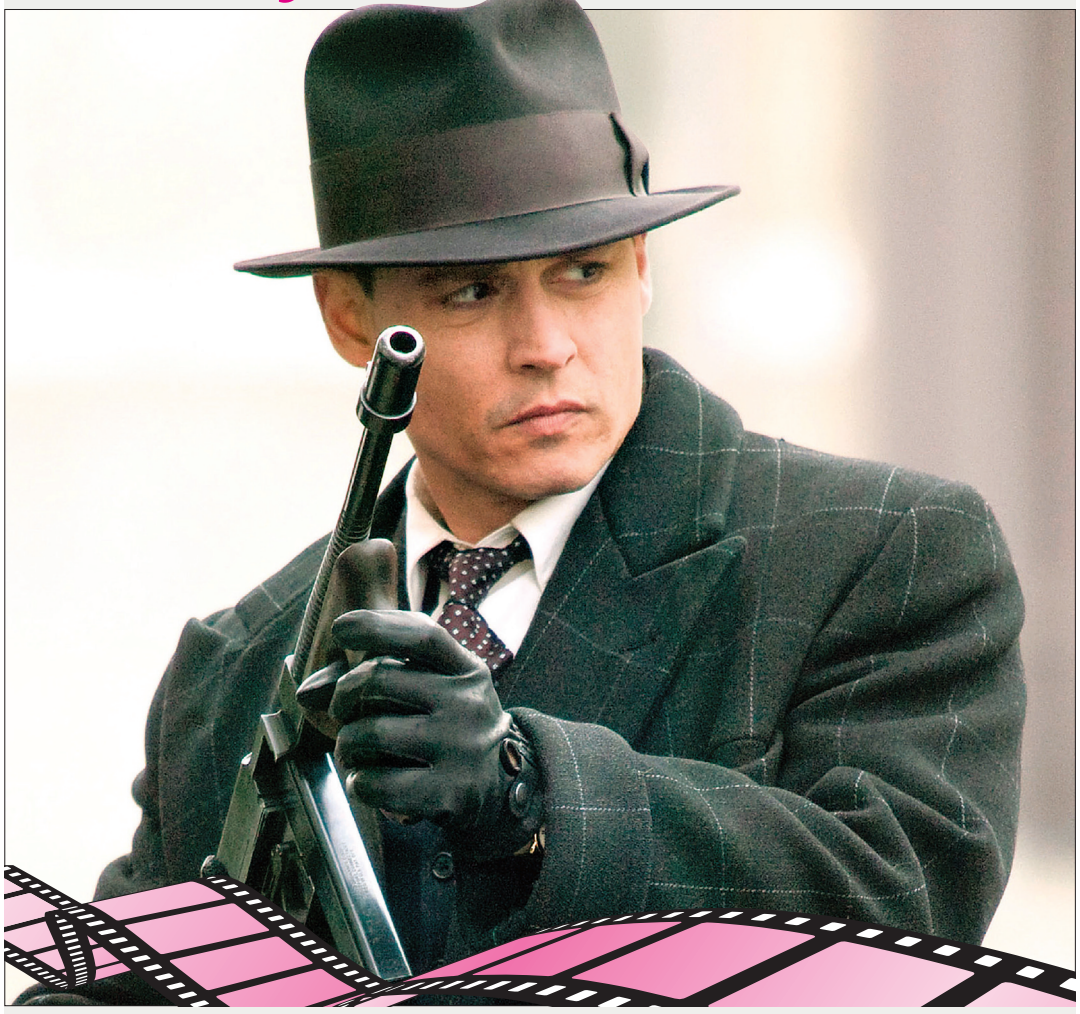

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Don't get it wrong: Costello is definitely not a journalist.

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Johnny's got a gun

Celeb outlaw Dillinger Depp's latest avatar

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Movie **feature**

Johnny Depp plays larger-than-life criminal John Dillinger in Michael Mann's Public Enemies.

Johnny Depp doesn't know what time it is. Though he technically calls an adorable village in France home and owns an island in the Caribbean, the mercurial actor spends so much time working that his internal clock is all out of whack.

"I've been on location for so long that I don't know what time zone I'm in. I could be in Puerto Rico at the moment," he says before adding with a thoughtful grin, "I still sort of am."

Public Enemies hits theatres next week

Depp has made a career out of embodying larger-than-life characters, making oddballs completely relatable. He has a surprisingly low number of turkeys on his packed resume from the last 25 years.

For every The Ninth Gate or Don Juan Demarco, there are plenty of films like Donnie Brasco, Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas and What's Eating Gilbert Grape — and that's even before getting into his work with Tim Burton.

"Most people when they hear Tim give me direction or we're talking about the character on the set, people are baffled, completely befuddled," Depp says of the director he's worked with on some of his most famous roles.

They're working again now, too, on Burton's take on Alice in Wonderland, in which Depp plays the Mad Hatter.

In his latest film, Public Enemies — out next week — Depp takes on the iconic role of celebrity outlaw John Dillinger, someone he found he could easily relate to.

"Dillinger was handed the ball and he just ran with it, which isn't any different than what happened to me a very long time ago," Depp explains. "You're handed the ball, and you go as far as you can go until somebody says, 'Alright, Kid, you're done. Get off the ride.'"

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But that doesn't seem like it will happen any time soon for Depp, not with Alice coming down the pike, plus talk about a fourth Pirates of the Caribbean film. The success he's enjoyed has been immense — there is that private island, after all — but it has its draw backs.

For instance, he can't exactly go wherever he wants without getting noticed. But Depp accepts the necessity of it. "I suppose the alternative is the real drag, that if there's no attention then the job goes away," he says reflectively.

Still, there must be some things he'd like to do that he can't at his level of celebrity.

"I'd walk through Disneyland with my kids. I'd go on every ride," he admits.

"Daddy walks through Disneyland with them now, things get weird."

Departures long, but rewarding

Departures
Director: Yojiro Takita
Stars: Masahiro Motoki
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

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A scene from the Oscar-winning Japanese film Departures.

REVIEW A quiet, sentimental film exploring life and death, familial bonds and tradition, Departures seduces his audience gorgeous landscapes, meditative performances and ample doses of comedy.

Though longer than it needs to be and more than a bit predictable, the film is no less affecting. Whether or not it deserved the Oscar for best foreign language film, however, is up for debate.

Cellist Daigo (Masahiro Motoki) finds himself out on the street after the orchestra he plays for is dissolved. At a loss, he packs up his patient wife and moves from the big city back to his small hometown, taking over his late mother's house.

Thanks to a typo in a classified ad, Daigo finds himself taking the only job he can find: Working as an "encoffiner," cleaning and dressing the recently deceased in an age-old but little-known Japanese ceremony. The job understandably takes some getting used to.

While dealing with death on a daily basis and suffering the insults and judgments of those closest to him, Daigo eventually must face the ghosts of his past.

The fact that the metaphors used in the movie are obvious or easy to predict doesn't make them any less successful, though, and Daigo's emotional journey satisfies.

The only real problem is that he and the film take so long to get to the point.

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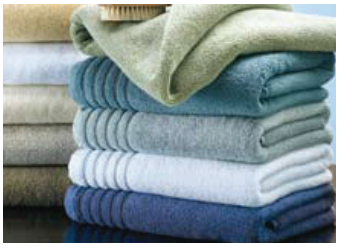

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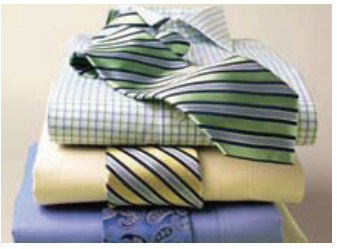

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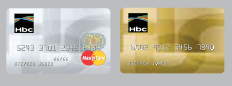

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Transformers sequel sets record

Transformers: Revenge Of The Fallen, Michael Bay's mega-sequel, grossed a record $55 million US on Wednesday, its opening day in North America, beating the previous title-holder, Harry Potter And The Order Of The Phoenix, by $10.8 million. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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The Soderbergh experience

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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You'd be hard pressed to find a movie fan that hasn't seen the Steven Soderbergh films Traffic, Erin Brockovich and at least one of the Ocean's movies.

A little more eclectic, but still popular are The Limey and Out of Sight, two of the director's box office near-misses. Mainstream films like those, though, comprise only a fraction of the director's resume.

Since his breakout film Sex, Lies and Videotape in 1989, Soderbergh has directed 19 films (including his latest The Girlfriend Experience), but only a handful — usually the ones starring George Clooney or Julia Roberts— could be called blockbusters. Many others have, however, languished.

Here's a couple of the director's deserving films that didn't set the box office ablaze.

Soderbergh said that "all attempts at synopsizing (Schizopolis) have ended in failure and hospitalization."

With health card in hand, here goes: Schizopolis is a surrealistic look at two people who can't communicate. As the level of emotional detachment increases so does the weird stuff.

There's an exterminator (David Jansen) who only speaks in non sequiturs and near the end Soderbergh's character (he's a triple threat here as actor, writer and director) only speaks in overdubbed Italian, Japanese and French.

"All attempts at synopsizing (Schizopolis) have ended in failure and hospitalization."
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Even the director acknowledges that this is an eccentric film, noting that the only people who ever ask him about it are "the ones with the crazy look in their eyes when I go to festivals."

1993's King of the Hill is more accessible but still made less than $1.5 million at the box office. Based on a 1972 memoir by A.E. Hotchner, it's the story of a 12-year-old boy surviving and thriving on his own during the Great Depression.

One IMDB contributor called this "the best American film of the nineties," while another wrote "Spielberg, eat your heart out, this is a real feel good movie."

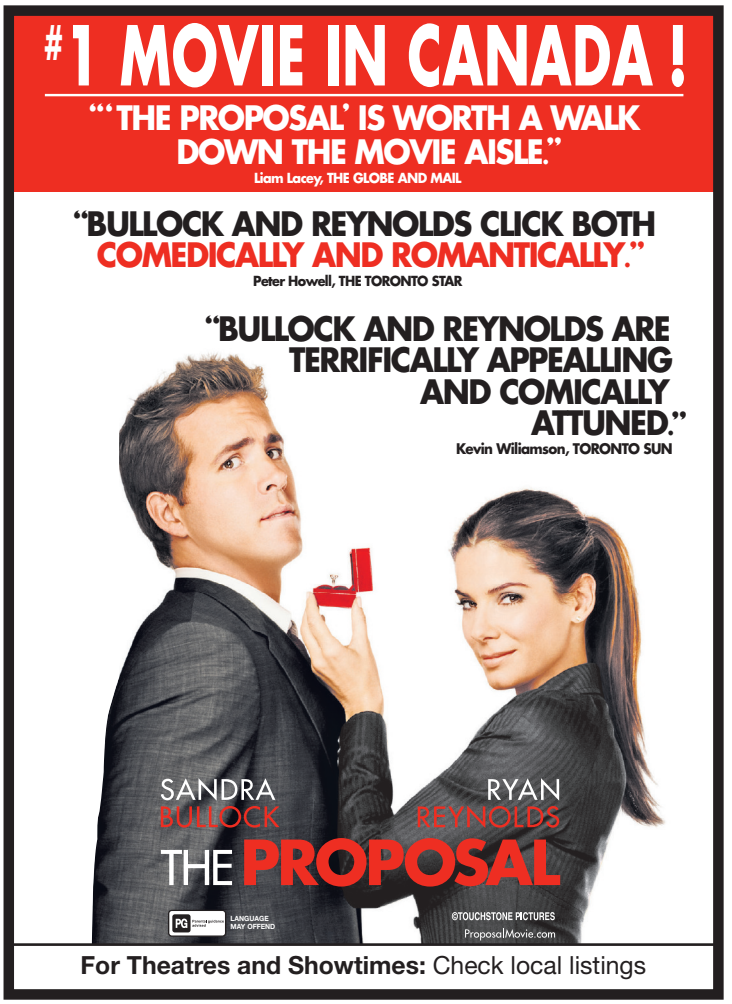
Rent it for its unsentimental storytelling and great performances, particularly from Adrien Brody who plays the main character's surrogate big brother.

Other interesting Soderbergh movies still waiting to grab an audience are the Spalding Gray monologue film Gray's Anatomy and the suspense story Kafka, but no matter how odd or how low budget these films are, don't get the idea Soderbergh doubts their commercial appeal.

"When I'm making them," he says, "they all feel commercial to me. It's no joke. If I'm making a movie for a million bucks, I feel like this thing could blow up. It's happened before."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Critically acclaimed director Steven Soderbergh says all his films "feel commercial" when he's making them. His latest, The Girlfriend Experience, is now in limited release.



Crowe, Firth make Walk of Fame list
Russell Crowe, Colin Firth and John Cusack have been added to the list of celebrities set for stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2010. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Reel Time

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Keeper a crying shame

My Sister's Keeper
Director: Nick Cassavetes
Stars: Cameron Diaz, Abigail Breslin
Classification: PG
Rating:

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Cameron Diaz, left, and Abigail Breslin star in My Sister's Keeper.

Nick Cassavetes' latest film is a cold, unfeeling tear-jerking machine, unrelenting in its quest to make you reach for the tissues. It pushes every button it can think of to get the waterworks going, not because the emotion of the story demands it, but because watching a movie like this, you're just supposed to be crying.

The story is a tricky one, a complex tale of sacrifice and compromise in the face of terminal disease. After finding out their second child (newcomer Sofia Vassilieva) has a rare form of leukemia, a couple (Cameron Diaz and Jason Patric) make the controversial decision to have another child (Abigail Breslin), a "donor child," in an effort to keep the other alive.

And it works, but requires the youngest to endure multiple operations, bone marrow extracts and hospital stays. At age 11, after being asked for a kidney, she says enough is enough and hires a lawyer (Alec Baldwin) to sue for medical emancipation.

The real tragedy is that's some meaty subject matter that could make for very compelling, multilayered storytelling exploring the complexities of the situation. But that's not what we get. Instead, we get a relentless tear-jerking machine.

The focus here is on the family, naturally, but it's too splayed. Every character — including Baldwin — gets a chance to narrate, just so the audience doesn't miss a single nuance that a better movie would have managed to communicate without resorting to six or seven narrators.

The whole mess is framed by Vassilieva going through a book of collages she's made of her life — which would've been a neat framing device, except the movie proceeds to flit around through time with no way of telling the audience they've just jumped, say, two years back. By the time you figure out where a scene fits in the chronology, the next one has already started.

It's tough to fault Diaz, Baldwin, Patric or any of the young actors involved. They all try valiantly to make the best of it, but the material is working against them. What could have been poignant and complex comes off shrill, saccharine and cynical.

• For My Sister's Keeper photos, a trailer and screen times, or to buy tickets visit metronews.ca/movies.

O'Horten simply charming

O'Horten
Director: Bent Hamer
Stars: Baard Owe, Espen Skjonberg, Ghitta Norby
Classification: STC
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Lars Von Trier veteran Baard Owe stars as the titular Odd Horten.

REVIEW O'Horten is a wonderful and sweet little movie from renowned Norwegian filmmaker Bent Hamer. It's a very simple story told on a small scale, but one with a wonderful message that resonates louder than anything that happens on screen.

The film essentially treads the same ground as the recent Jack Nicholson vehicles About Schmidt and The Bucket List. It's about an old man who reaches retirement before realizing that he never spent much time living and enjoying life.

Fortunately, O'Horten veers more towards the understated simplicity of the former movie and not the crass wish fulfillment of the latter.

Lars Von Trier veteran Baard Owe stars as the titular Odd Horten (the first name is quite common in Norway), a train conductor embarking on his last day of work. Due to some humorous shenanigans the night before, Horten shows up late for his final train journey and misses the train for the first time in his career.

Depressed, he wonders the city and — as always tends to happen in these sorts of movies — meets a variety of eccentric characters who each teach him something about life.

The plot may sound pat, but Bent Hamer writes with a level of subtly and honesty that is sweetly life affirming without ever crossing the line into sentimentality.

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Paul Gross plays a gunslinger who stumbles into a Canadian hamlet in Gunless.

Western turns north

Gross starrer Gunless brings the action to Canada

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

By portraying everything from a Mountie in TV's Due South, to a Canadian war hero in his epic drama Passchendaele, Paul Gross has become a national treasure.

However, in his latest project, the actor is putting his reputation on the line by playing the part of an American.

"It was the only way I could be a gunslinger," says Gross recently on the movie set of Gunless — which just finished filming in British Columbia this week. "There were no Canadian gunslingers (called) The Saskatoon Kid. I don't think we had them."

As a result, Gross had to settle as The Montana Kid in director Bill Phillips' (Foolproof) latest comedy. A fictional tale about an American outlaw that stumbles into a sleepy Canadian hamlet, Kid struggles with an impending gunfight in a town that doesn't even supply bullets.

"I've always loved westerns. I've always loved the idea of taking what is very much an American genre and pushing it north of the 49th parallel," says Phillips. "Given our sense of irony and sometimes our sense of envy of America, we can poke fun of ourselves."

Gunless is scheduled for release in spring 2010

As such, Phillips took his production to arid Osoyoos, B.C., where his crew not only constructed an impressive small-town in the middle of a remote hillside, but they began filming under extremely hot and dusty conditions.

"We made a very pointed decision to come to Osoyoos," adds Phillips. "That was a bit of a daring move because it's a Canadian film with a Canadian budget and it takes a lot to pull this off. But we decided to put our eggs in this basket and we're glad we did because anywhere we point the camera, it looks great."

While decked out in layers of thick, black clothing under an oppressive sun, Gross agrees that working on such a set is amazing. But he also insists that some days — he was definitely earning his paycheck.

"The first time you put (the costume) on, it's kind of fun. (But) in 100 degree heat with a three-piece wool suit, less so," Gross laughed before adding, "But it's alright, it's a dry heat — whatever that means."

Watchmen: 2nd coming

SCREENINGS The director's cut of Watchmen, featuring an additional 25 minutes of footage and the death of a supporting character, will receive a limited theatrical rollout during the weekend ahead of its July 21 home-video release.

The superhero saga, which was considered to be a bit of a box office disappointment during its first go-round in March, will screen in Los Angeles, New York, Minneapolis and Dallas.

The rollout will culminate with a special screening July 25 at the Comic-Con International confab in San Diego, taking advantage of a Blu-ray Disc feature that will allow any viewer in North America to watch the movie at the same time as the audience at Comic-Con, see and hear director Zack Snyder comment on the movie, and even ask questions.

The screening will then be archived and will be able to be accessed for future viewings.

"Comic-Con, it isn't just comic book fanatics, it's cinephiles as well. It'll be cool to discuss what people are thinking," Snyder said at a Watchmen press day, held Wednesday.

The day was designed to showcase a bonus Blu-ray feature called Maximum Movie Mode as well as features to be seen in Snyder's Blu-ray release of 300: The Complete Experience.

REUTERS

More best pic noms welcomed

OSCARS If ever there were a time that Hollywood needed a jolt of adrenaline, Wednesday was it — but from, of all places, the staid, mostly predictable Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences? What everyone thought would be another sleepy announcement about an arcane rule change in the documentary or foreign language category turned into the headline of the day — opening up the Oscar race to 10 best picture nominees. Most folks were gobsmacked by the news, with many — think all those filmmakers who believe their films have been snubbed — applauding the stratagem. REUTERS

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325 Rideau St., 613-789-3456

Departures (14A) Fri 9:05 Sat 1:45-6:45 Sun 6 Mon 4 Tue 6:30 Thu 4:15-8:55
No Films Showing Today (STC) Wed
O'Horten (PG) Fri 7:05 Sat 9:25 Sun 3:55 Mon 6:40 Tue 4:30-9:10 Thu 6:55
Rear Window (STC) Sun 1:30 Mon 8:40
The Soloist (PG) Fri 4:45 Sat 4:25 Sun 8:40

CANADIAN FILM INSTITUTE
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, 613-232-6727

20h17, rue Darling (STC) Sat 9
Ascenseur pour l'échafaud (STC) Sat 7
Aviva My Love (STC) Sun 9
The Debt (STC) Sun 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri Mon-Thu

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE
240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

Power of the Earth: Rare Earth (STC) Fri 3 Sat-Tue 11:30-1:30-3:30 Wed-Thu 6 Fri 4 Sat-Tue 12:30-2:30-4:30 Wed-Thu 7

COLISEUM OTTAWA
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

The Hangover (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-4-7-9:30
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-3:25-6:30-9
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:55
My Sister's Keeper (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:20-10:05
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:10-9:50
Public Enemies (14A) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:10-3:45-6:50-10:15
Star Trek (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:25-6:30-9:40
The Taking of Pelham 123 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:25
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Year One (14A) Fri-Wed 1:20-4:20-7:40-10:20 Thu 4:20-7:40-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

EMPIRE 7 CINEMAS
111 Albert St., 3rd Floor
World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

Easy Virtue (PG) Fri-Tue 1:10-4:10-7:20-9:50 Wed 1:10-4:10-7:20 Thu 1:10-4:10-7:20-9:50
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Year One (14A) Wed 12:45-3:15-6:40 Thu 12:45-3:15-6:40-9:20

MAYFAIR THEATRE
1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403, mayfair-movie.com

Autopsy (STC) Sat 11:55
Batman (STC) Sat 2:45 Sun 1:30 Thu 9:45
Che: Part One (14A) Fri 1-8:45 Sat 7 Mon 7
Che: Part Two (PG) Sat 9:30 Mon 9:30
Dazed and Confused (STC) Fri 11:15 Sun 9
Letters From Litein (STC) Fri 7 Sat 5:15 Sun 7
Porky's (R) Tue 7
Porky's II: The Next Day (STC) Tue 8:45
Porky's Revenge (STC) Tue 10:45
Superman: The Movie (STC) Sat 12 Sun 3:45 Thu 7

RAINBOW CINEMAS
St. Laurent Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

17 Again (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-5-9:10
Adoration (14A) Fri-Thu 5:15-9:40
Drag Me to Hell (14A) Fri-Thu 7:15-9:20
Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (14A) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:15-2:20-4:30-6:40-9
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:45-7
Imagine That (G) Fri-Thu 10:10-12:20-2:55-7:20
Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri-Thu 10:40-12:50-3:05-5:10
The Soloist (PG) Fri-Thu 10-12:10-2:30-4:50-7:10-9:30

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

Alien (STC) SDDS Digital Fri 11:15
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Year One (14A) Fri-Thu 10:40-1:15-4:10-7:25-10:20

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CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION
100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

Merveilles des Mers (STC) Fri 4-7 Sat 10-4 Sun 10-1-7 Mon 1-7 Tue 1 Wed-Thu 1-8
Momies: Secret des Pharaons (STC) Fri 1-8 Sat 1 Sun 4 Mon 4-8 Tue 4 Wed 10-4 Thu 4
Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs (STC) Fri 12-3-9 Sat 12-3-6-8 Sun 12-3-6 Mon 12-3 Tue 12-3-8 Wed 12-3-6 Thu 12-3-6-9
Under the Sea (STC) Fri 11-2-5-10 Sat 11-2-5-7-9-10 Sun 11-2-5 Mon 11-2-5-9 Tue 11-2-5-7-9 Wed 11-2-5-7 Thu 10-11-2-5-7

CINÉMA DES GALERIES D'AYLMER
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

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Up (PG) Fri-Tue 1-3:10-7-9:10
À vos marques... Party! 2 (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-3-6:40-9

CINÉ-STARZ
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

Anges et démons (G) Fri-Thu 3:20-7:10-9:30
Dans ses rêves (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:50-7:15
Encore 17 ans (G) Fri-Thu 3:40-5:25
Hannah Montana: Le film (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:45
Hanté par ses ex (G) Fri-Thu 12-3:35-5:20
Monstres contre Aliens (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:40-5:40
Star Trek v.f. (G) Fri-Thu 3:30-7:05-9:15
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CINÉ-PARC TEMPLETON DRIVE-IN
1779 boul. Maloney Est, 819-663-0915

Prédictions (13+) Fri-Tue
Star Trek (G) Fri-Tue
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (G) Fri-Tue
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GATINEAU 9
120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

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STARCITÉ HULL
115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090, cinemasfortune.ca

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131 Riocan Dr., 613-825-2463

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Year One (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:20-6:50-9:30

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2385 City Park Dr., 613-688-8800

Angels & Demons (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:35-7:20-10:25
Away We Go (14A) Fri-Tue 1:25-7:10
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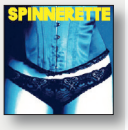

Punk diva Brody Dalle's new band blends Pink-like pop with ferocious guitars and fuzzy-bass beats.

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Alexisonfire still chirping

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

"With the wives, out go the groupies," says Alexisonfire's lead screamer George Pettit, just days before the band released its fourth album Young Cardinals/Old Crows.

While the Hamilton-based vocalist sounds like he might be reassuring his wife that he'll be a good boy on the road, he's also expressing just how much the band has grown up in the eight years since it stormed MuchMusic's airwaves.

When the group first began touring in 2002 the band members were known as much for their hard partying ways as they were for their aggressive, hardcore-meets-emo sound. But now, close to a decade later, the band is older and wiser.

"We were kids when we wrote that first record," says Pettit. "Over time everything changes. We have this wealth of travel behind us, we've spent years on the road living in a van, we have wives, houses and more adult responsibilities."

Young Cardinals/Old Crows, the new album from Alexisonfire, was released this week.

All that translates into less debauchery on the road, and that's fine with Pettit. "Those things are fun in their own right, but if you're into music strictly to screw groupies and get drunk, that's a very superficial reason to be involved.

"What keeps us here is not the wild lifestyle," he adds. "It's more about the spiritual journey that is loving music and trying to have that never-ending thirst for new records."

Moving from fast living rockers to property tax paying husbands, can turn a once exciting act into a safer, watered down version of itself (see Gavin Rossdale, David Usher), but if anything, the opposite has happened with Alexisonfire.

The band's music is somewhat tamer than it used to be — Pettit's throaty yells have given way to almost scratchy singing — but the music is more complex, and Dallas' smooth vocals are cleaner and catchier than ever before. It's easily the group's best album yet, and while some might miss the frantic, youthful energy, the more focused, thoughtful Alexis has created something that, finally, transcends the screamo tag.

"Screaming paints yourself into a corner," says Pettit. "I'd been trying new stuff in the jam space and when it came time to recording demos I just tried to see how many songs I could do with this type of vocals. It felt really good."

To get to where they wanted to be musically, the band had to make changes to more than just its sound. In the past members would rush through recording sessions, but this time they spent eight months writing. Pettit says the longer timeframe meant less mistakes and stronger songs.

"When I look back on our older records, if we thought about those songs for longer they would have turned out very differently," he explains. "With this, there's not a lot that really irks me. Or, maybe in a couple months from now I'll hear something and say maybe I shouldn't have done that. But right now this is great."

Warped Tour

• Alexisonfire plays Parc Jean Drapeau in Montreal July 11 as part of Vans Warped Tour.

Brody Dalle returns with Spinnerette

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

"I'm not interested in placating anyone anymore. I'm just not going to do it," grunts Spinnerette vocalist/guitarist Brody Dalle, discussing her latest endeavour's eponymous debut.

Best known for her work with punk rockers The Distillers in the earlier part of this decade, Dalle returns from a two-year hiatus with what is easily her most adventurous, ambitious effort to date. Spinnerette features infectious melodies intertwined with subtle harmonies slashing across a bold mixture of subdued punk heart and straight-up pop/rock. The 13-track affair is nothing less than stunning both musically and in terms of approach; a more palatable evolution beyond The Distillers' revered 2003 effort Coral Fang.

"I've moved on but other people haven't," she continues. "I have a very different life. I'm going out on a limb. I find when I don't censor myself, more original music comes out."

And to what does Dalle accredit this vast departure from her guttural roots into a more assertive personal pleasure? The same thing that eventually changes most lives: parenthood.

"I've moved on but other people haven't ... I find when I don't censor myself, more original music comes out." Brody Dalle

"I gave birth to a child. I don't care about anyone else anymore," she shrugs nonchalantly. "When my daughter was born, it was the most incredible thing but it was all-consuming. I couldn't recognize myself when I looked in the mirror so I started writing music again. I'm a different person now, so (creating the album) was an accident that turned into a project that turned into a band."

While it may seem like an eventuality to us average Joes, for others, becoming a parent has a greater impact when affecting an already-extraordinary life such as Dalle's. The native of Melbourne, Australia, released three album on powerful record labels, toured the world, married not one but two rock stars (Rancid's Tim Armstrong and Queens Of The Stone Age's Josh Homme, her current conjugal cohort), staved off addictions of various degrees, seen her formative outfit The Distillers come, go and morph into current project Spinnerette.

Not bad for someone barely hitting her 30th birthday. Still, Dalle admits to be most humbled by the power of motherhood. "It changes everything irreversibly and it's a good thing, especially for me. I miss my family like crazy but this is my job. I don't know how to do anything else and if I didn't do it, I'd walk this earth like half a person."

Brody Dalle — best known for fronting punk band The Distillers — is back with a new outfit called Spinnerette.

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Music

Forget the jokes: Jackson mattered

From saving the music industry to smashing MTV's colour barrier, he broke all kinds of new ground

Yesterday, June 25, 2009, will be remembered just as we remember April 8, 1994, for Kurt Cobain; December 8, 1980, for John Lennon; and August 16, 1977, for Elvis. Michael Jackson carried that kind of cultural clout.

Forget the lurid allegations, the buying of the Elephant Man's bones, the hyperbaric sleeping chambers, the plastic surgery and the dangling babies. Here's how we should remember Michael Jackson:

First, people forget that the Thriller album essentially saved the recording industry when it was released in 1982. Suffering from the double whammy of the post-disco sales depression and a brutal recession, Thriller almost single-handedly resurrected the music industry.

Sure, it sold somewhere north of 50 million copies on its own, but its real value lay in the fact that this record got people into record stores again where they bought it — and one or two other albums. This one album went a long way towards pulling the entire industry out of some desperate doldrums.

Thriller was also sprung upon the public at the same time as the compact disc. Because Quincy Jones' production was so tight and crisp, CD copies of Thriller were used as demo discs for CD players, speakers and amplifiers. Who knows how many billions of dollars of gear was sold once people heard the opening drumbeat from Billie Jean coming off a CD?

Michael Jackson was also once a pretty shrewd businessman. In the '80s, he managed to outbid Paul McCartney for a large portion of the Beatles catalogue. The revenues generated by those holdings went a long way to support his lifestyle for the rest of his life.

And speaking of which, Jackson broke a major taboo when he licensed the Beatles' Revolution to Nike for a TV commercial. People forget what kind of outrage followed. Using a popular song to sell a product as crass as shoes? Today, though, you can't turn on a TV without hearing a major artist's music on a commercial.

And finally — and most importantly — let's not forget that Michael Jackson broke the colour barrier on MTV.

Before Thriller, MTV showed nothing but rock and pop videos featuring white faces. Initially, MTV refused to run the clip for Billie Jean. It wasn't until Walter Yentnikoff, president of CBS, Michael's record company, threatened to pull every artist on their roster from the young channel — MTV had only been on the air since August 1, 1981, with just 250 clips in its library — that they relented.

Had it not been for the power of Michael Jackson and Thriller, would have MTV become the same cultural monster? And where would have people gone to learn about then-new artists such as Prince?

Speaking of videos, think about how Jackson furthered that art form: John Landis directed the 14-minute Thriller video; the morphing technology first seen in the clip for Black or White; the reported $8 million US spent on the five-minute video for Scream with his sister Janet.

Let's therefore not focus on the tabloid stuff. The man did enough that we should remember him for the great, groundbreaking talent that he was.

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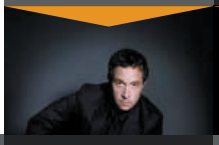

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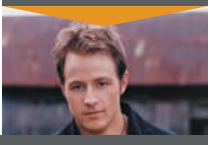

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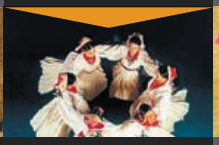

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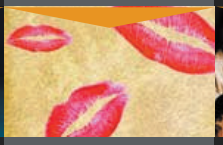

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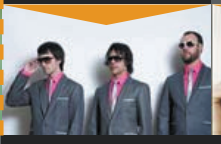

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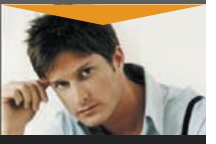

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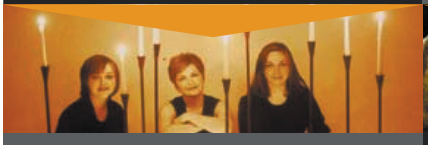

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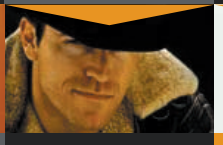

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Television

CTV MEDIA

British musician Elvis Costello hosts CTV's Spectacle.

Musical connections

Elvis Costello gets artists to open up on talk TV show Spectacle

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Elvis Costello wants you to know one thing — he's not a journalist.

That's obvious of course, he's a legendary British musician who's been creating brilliant rock music since 1977, but now that he hosts Spectacle, a talk TV show on CTV, some might mistake him as a newsman instead of a musician.

"Music journalists make assumptions about performers and their motivation because they stand outside of things," he says on the phone from New York. "These days in particular there's a problem of opinionating because everyone can publish now. I'm not interested in doing that."

Costello is more focused on how his guests make music and the challenges they've overcome. He asked Rufus Wainwright about being pegged as a gay musician and got Tony Bennett to reveal that he passed up the chance to record the Louis Armstrong hit What a Wonderful World.

He also jams with his guests, playing alongside the Police and Spectacle's co-producer Elton John. It's likely he'll perform with Smokey Robinson on the last episode of the season, which airs tonight.

The renowned guitarist, and husband to Canadian jazz musician Diana Krall, says it would be strange if he didn't sing on the show. "If I set myself up as a chat show host, or the new king of late night, that would be different," he explains. "I'd be taking up a new career, but I'm not. I'm speaking as a musician to another musician."

Being an artist is, says Costello, a major asset for the job. He explains that he can connect with his guests on a level that other non-musician interviews can't because he knows the job from "the inside."

"I don't play piano like Herbie Hancock, but I do understand the inside of it," he says. "So the willingness to open up is probably based on that."

This season Costello's guests have mostly been music stalwarts such as Lou Reed, Kris Kristofferson and James Taylor, but he has had on younger acts, including Jenny Lewis, Wainwright and duo She & Him. While that's a pretty diverse list of performers, he does wish he could interview more newbies.

"Do I wish we could have more young artists? Yes, I wish we could," he says. "With them we base it more around musical performance because there's less to reflect on and those artists were less comfortable talking about their motivations."

Hilton tweets about adventures

Although Paris Hilton is has been busy finding a new BFF in Dubai, she is using her time off to explore and twittering about her adventures. Hilton went to Saif Belhasa Driving Center and "drove a hot red Lamborghini." POPEATER.COM

Television

Farrah Fawcett, 1970s sex symbol, dies

Actress Farrah Fawcett, the Charlie's Angels television star whose big smile and feathered blond mane made her one of the reigning sex symbols of the 1970s, died on Thursday after a long battle with cancer. She was 62.

Fawcett, first vaulted to stardom by an alluring poster of her in a red swimsuit, was diagnosed with anal cancer in late 2006. It spread to her liver in 2007, proving resistant to numerous medical treatments in Germany and California.

"After a long and brave battle with cancer, our beloved Farrah has passed away," Fawcett's long time companion, actor Ryan O'Neal, said in a statement.

"Although this is an extremely difficult time for her family and friends, we take comfort in the beautiful times that we shared with Farrah over the years and the knowledge that her life brought joy to so many people around the world."

Fawcett's death in a Los Angeles hospital came just six weeks after the TV broadcast in May of a video diary she made chronicling her battle with cancer and her final months.

Called Farrah's Story, the documentary was effectively a self-penned obituary by the actress, who was bedridden and had lost her famous hair by the time it was shown.

O'Neal said she had wanted to tell her story on her own terms.

Fawcett's close friend Alana Stewart, ex-wife of rocker Rod Stewart, told Entertainment Tonight after leaving the hospital on Thursday; "I just lost my best friend. Her death was very peaceful."

Fawcett, born Feb. 2, 1947, in Corpus Christi, Texas, was an art student in college before she began modeling, appearing in shampoo ads.

She started guest-starring on TV in the late 1960s and appeared on the television hit The Six Million Dollar Man. REUTERS

Farrah Fawcett, aged 62, dies.

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	216	395	14	OMN2	Raymond	According-Jim	News (N)		News (N)		Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case
	214	344	15	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		*Virtuality* (2009, Science Fiction) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau.				Out There	Out There	News
	218	345	18	E!	The Insider	E News	Anna Nicole Smith: The E! True Hollywood Story (N)				20/20 (HDTV)		News
	-	361	20	ABC	News	Entertainment	Surviving Sub.	Goode Family	According-Jim	According-Jim	20/20 (HDTV)		News
	-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	*Virtuality* (2009, Science Fiction) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau.				News (N)		News
news	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	406	417	27	net	World Sport	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta.						Sportsnet	Sportsnet
	126	730	28	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	2009 NHL Entry Draft (HDTV) From Montreal. (Live)						SportsCentre	Boxing: Molitor vs. Ruiz	
family	554	544	48	TEL	Batman: Brave	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama		*V for Vendetta* ★★★ (2006, Action) Natalie Portman.		
	557	540	51	FAM	Sonny Chance	Wizards-Place	*Princess Protection Program* (2009)				(9:29) *Freaky Friday* (2003, Comedy)		*My Brother*
	551	542	65	YTV	SpongeBob SquarePants		The Penguins	SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "10-7"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Cleaner (HDTV)		Criminal
	628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		*Any Given Sunday* ★★★ (1999, Drama) (HDTV) Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz.				
	616	521	39	SHO	The Outer Limits		The Best Years (DVS)		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Webdreams
	520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet Goes to Brazil		Doing Da Vinci "Catapult" (N)		American Loggers		Machines of Malice		Planet
	581	566	53	MTV	4REAL	MTV News	Canada's Next Top Model		The Real World		True Love	The X Effect	MTV Live
	522	506	55	HIS	NCIS "Family Secret"		Jurassic Fight Club		Legends	Legends	Ice Road Truckers		Sea Hunters
	603	561	95	FN	Chef at Home	Fresh-Anna	Thirsty	Thirsty	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay

SATURDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
6/27/09 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	National Geographic		*In & Out* ★★ (1997, Comedy)			Interviews (N)	*Personal Best* ★★★ (1982, Drama)		
	211	331	3	GTV	*A Wrinkle in Time* ★★ (2003, Adventure), Alison Elliott				The Unit (Part 2 of 2)		Doc		News
	209	342	6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		*Waydowntown* ★★ (2000, Comedy)		(DVS)		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Arts & Minds
	196	311	7	CTV	Stompin' Tom		Law & Order: SVU		2009 MuchMusic Video Awards				News
	208	303	8	CBC	The Nature of Things		The Week the Women Went		CBC Ottawa Presents		Intelligence (DVS)		*Canadian*
	-	360	9	NBC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Kings "Pilgrimage" (N)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	-	362	13	CBS	Paid Program	The Insider	Without a Trace (HDTV)		(9:01) Harper's Island (N)		48 Hours Mystery		CSI: NY
	216	395	14	OMN2	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	*Horse Thief* ★★★ (1987, Drama) Cexiang Rigzin, Dan Zhiji.				Omni News: Mandarin		Chinese Rest.
	214	344	15	CITY	Without a Trace		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		*Miss Castaway and the Island Girls* ★★ (2004) (DVS)				News
	218	345	18	E!	Out There	E News	Consumer's Choice Awards		*Gospel of Deceit* (2006, Suspense) Alexandra Paul.				News
	-	361	20	ABC	Entertainment Tonight		Wipeout (HDTV)		Castle (HDTV)		Eli Stone (HDTV) (N)		News
	-	365	36	FOX	News (N)	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		News (N)		MADtv
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Camp. Brown
sports	406	417	27	net	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at New York Mets. From Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y.						PartyPoker.net Irish		Ult. Fighter
	126	730	28	RDI	Journal	Humanima	Découverte (HDTV) (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages		Tout	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	WEC WrekCage (N)		IndyCar Racing SunTrust Indy Challenge. (HDTV) (Live)						SportsCentre
family	554	544	48	TEL	How I Spent My Vacation				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
	557	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Stepmom* ★★ (1998, Drama) Julia Roberts, Ed Harris.				*Sleepless In*
	551	542	65	YTV	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		*Independence Day* ★★★ (1996, Science Fiction) (HDTV) Will Smith, Bill Pullman.						The Cleaner
	628	584	32	SPKE	4th and Long (HDTV)		4th and Long (HDTV)		4th and Long (HDTV)		Jesse James Is a Dead Man		Jesse James
	616	521	39	SHO	(6) *The House Next Door*		*To Be Fat Like Me* (2007, Docudrama) Kaley Cuoco.				*Smokin' Aces* ★★ (2007, Action)		
	520	505	42	DIS	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Time Warp	Deadliest Catch		One Way Out	Guinea Pig	Criss Angel
	581	566	53	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
	522	506	55	HIS	Sinking an Aircraft Carrier		Crime Stories		*Donnie Brasco* ★★★ (1997, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Johnny Depp.				
	603	561	95	FN	Grill It-Flay	Chef Abroad	Ramsay's Kitchen		Dear Food Network		Kitchen Nightmares		Chef Jeff

SUNDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
6/28/09 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Britain From Above		The Choir (Part 2 of 4)		*The Times of Harvey Milk* (1984)			The View From Here	
	211	331	3	GTV	King of Hill	American Dad	The Simpsons	Bob & Doug	Family Guy	American Dad	The Unit (HDTV)		News
	209	342	6	CHRO	Jeff Ltd.	Home Videos	Million Dollar Password		Cold Case (HDTV)		Canada's Next Top Model		Look-A-Like
	196	311	7	CTV	Corner Gas	Degrassi: TNG	Merlin (HDTV) (N)		Merlin (HDTV) (N)		Law & Order: SVU		News
	208	303	8	CBC	Heartland (DVS)		*Bon Cop, Bad Cop* (2006, Comedy) Colm Feore.				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Doctor Who
	-	360	9	NBC	Dateline NBC		Merlin (HDTV) (N)		Merlin (HDTV) (N)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	-	362	13	CBS	60 Minutes		Million Dollar Password		Cold Case (HDTV)		The Unit (HDTV)		CSI: NY
	216	395	14	OMN2	Solo Flight		Aaram	Arirang Korea	Word	Trendy Zone	Small Places, Small Homes		Of Blessings
	214	344	15	CITY	Two/Half Men	Hates Chris	Kings		Royal Pains		Crusoe (HDTV) (DVS)		News
	218	345	18	E!	Inside Hollywood		Extreme Makeover: Home		*Impact* (2008, Action) Natasha Henstridge.				News
	-	361	20	ABC	Just Laughs	Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home		*Impact* (2008, Action) Natasha Henstridge.				News
	-	365	36	FOX	King of Hill	American Dad	The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)		Sportsworks
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of Union
sports	406	417	27	net	World Sport	Baseball	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at New York Mets. From Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y.						Sportsnet
	126	730	28	RDI	Journal	Marie-Claude	Documentaires-Découverte		Le Téléjournal	Voir double	Terres arct.	Regard	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	2009 CFL Season Preview Show (HDTV) (Live)				Nike Golf Invitational		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
family	554	544	48	TEL	Stoked	Stoked	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Rick & Steve
	557	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Rudy* ★★★ (1993, Drama) Sean Astin.			*Batman* ★★★ (1989, Action)	
	551	542	65	YTV	(6) *The Great Outdoors*		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	In Real Life		Adrenaline	Survive This	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Simmons	Simmons	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Simmons	Simmons	Hammertime	Hammertime	Simmons
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	616	521	39	SHO	The Guard (HDTV)		*Love Sick: Secrets of a Sex Addict* (2008, Docudrama)				Rescue Me "Mickey"		The Guard
	520	505	42	DIS	MythBusters		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs (N)		MythBusters		A. Bourdain
	581	566	53	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	After
	522	506	55	HIS	Turning Points of History		Underworld Histories		*The Departed* ★★★ (2006, Crime Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio.				
	603	561	95	FN	Eat to Save		100 Mile Challenge		Iron Chef America		Jamie Oliver's Ministry		Jamie Oliver

Zohn's cancer fight

Ethan Zohn is now halfway through his three-month chemotherapy treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma. In two new video diaries, filmed at his home in Manhattan, the now-bald Survivor: Africa winner shows viewers the ups and downs of his struggle. **PEOPLE.COM**

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 will.i.am

MUSICIAN It's shaping up to be a great summer for the artist. First, he scored a massive hit with the new Black Eyed Peas album The E.N.D. Then, he bagged an even bigger smash with his latest war-of-words with Perez Hilton. God knows if will.i.am's manager actually assaulted the celeb blogger but we all know who everyone's rooting for.

2 Guns Don't Kill People ... Lazers do: Major Lazer

ALBUM If you are a thinking-Jamaica-going-downtown kind of person, this might just turn out to be the soundtrack of your summer. Indie mixmasters Diplo and Switch take the sun-friendly genres of dub and dancehall and mash it up with urban sounds to create a wildly raucous album that can get any porch party swinging.

3 David Lynch

ARTIST The king of cinematic curveballs turns to music — not one album, but two. First came Dark Night of the Soul, a collaboration with cult musicians Danger Mouse and Sparklehorse. Now there's word that he is a lyricist and producer for the upcoming Fox Bat Strategy, a tribute album for a musician who worked on Lynch's groundbreaking TV series Twin Peaks.

4 Intro to The Beatles Rock Band

VIDEO The wait for this fall's magical mystery tour just got a little tougher, thanks to this jaw-dropping promo for arguably the year's most hotly anticipated game. Created by Gorillaz animator Pete Candeland, the 160-second eye-candy succinctly sums the band's history and gets you nicely warmed up for the real action. Check it out at thebeatlesrockband.com/cinematic.php

5 Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

FILM OK, the reviews are uniformly bad. And the accusations of racial stereotyping in robot banter are not helping either. But, look at the upside: Plenty of Michael Bay-approved CGI, more of your favourite bots, a hotter-than-ever Megan Fox and a cuter-than-ever Shia Lebouf. It's your call.

6 Confessions of a Shopaholic

DVD Recession cramping your style? Get some retail therapy with the film version of the Sophie Kinsella bestseller, starring Isla Fisher as the swipe-happy New York protagonist. Of course, it ends with the obligatory lesson on our credit habits but not before you witness some of the best shopping sprees ever committed to screen.

7 Why Your World Is About To Get A Whole Lot Smaller: Jeff Rubin

BOOK This No. 1 bestseller on several non-fiction charts gets back to the basics: Oil and how dwindling supplies will zap our SUVs and five-bedroom bungalows to bite-sized proportions. Sounds awful but when CIBC's chief economist gazes at the crystal ball, you listen.

Mix of Six

Al Green

When: Saturday, 9 p.m.
Where: Confederation Park, Downtown

The eight-time Grammy Award winner with the golden voice headlines the Ottawa International Jazz Festival's Concert Under the Stars series. For ticket info, visit ottawajazzfestival.com.

Chicago

When: Friday through Sunday
Where: Southam Hall, National Arts Centre

Broadway's classic razzle-dazzle musical comes to town with weekend evening and matinee shows. Tickets $22.50-$87.50. For info, visit nac-can.ca.

Aboriginal Contemporary Dance Platform

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Studio, National Arts Centre

The Canada Dance Festival showcases the talents of Aboriginal dance artists Byron Chief Moon, Gaétan Gingras and Red Power Squad. Tickets $20 through ticketmaster.ca.

Nocturne

When: Friday through Sunday
Where: Cube Gallery, 7 Hamilton Ave. N.

A group show of contemporary painting and sculpture celebrating the beauty of the night sky. For gallery hours, visit cube-gallery.ca.

No Pants Dance Party

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Babylon Nightclub, 317 Bank St.

Toronto's Hush Money, Ottawa's Ladymilk and Ottawa's Rockalily Burlesque provide the music and dance, while brave attendees participate in a striptease contest and browse the risqué craft sale. For info, visit bablyonclub.ca.

United Steelworkers of Montreal

When: Friday, 8:30 p.m.
Where: Black Sheep Inn, 753 Riverside Dr., Wakefield

The six-piece alt country wonders play a lively show, with special guests The Grass Mountain Hobos. Tickets $10 through ticketweb.ca.

HBO's new Hung show a stretch

Life for basketball coach and teacher Ray Drecker (Thomas Jane) is in the crapper.

His team can't win a game, his wife (Anne Heche) left him, his twins are annoying adolescents, his neighbour is harassing him, and his home has just burned down. And all of this is happening in Detroit, where, as Drecker puts it, is "the headwaters of a river of failure."

But when life gives you lemons, make lemonade. When an HBO show gives you this setup, go for your big guns.

For those living in caves, Hung — premiering Saturday — is not the heart-warming adventures of an Asian family. It's a description of Drecker's sole useful asset. So when he meets uncute with former one-night stand Tanya (Jane Adams as a self-righteous temp whose previous money-making idea was to put poems inside bread), they both get excited over the concept of pimping him out. Because, you know, he's hung.

That's a lot of setup, and it's easy to be of two minds about it. The basic concept is ludicrous beyond sitcom and scientific standards and of course, this can't end well, but one of the pleasures of Hung is watching ambitious but not-too-bright people dig their own graves. Let's just say the ride is worth it. **REUTERS**

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INFORMATION FEATURE

Professor Layton more than a game

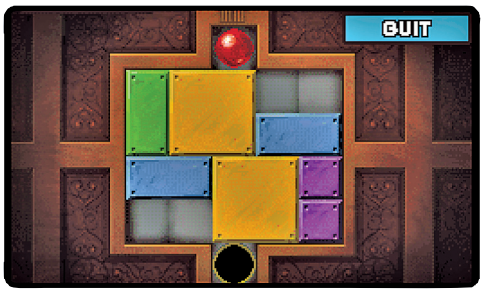
KATHY BUCKWORTH
for Metro Canada

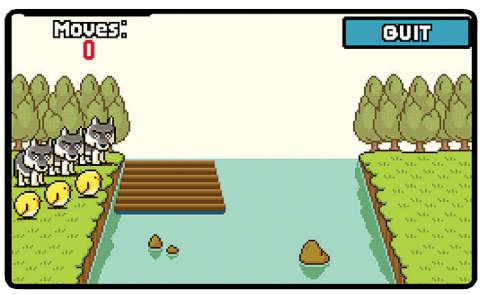
Until technology can auto-program Best Parenting Practices 2.0, Moms' lives will continue to be full of challenges, decisions, and judgments that can leave us frustrated, challenged and downright perplexed.

Just once, it would be nice to solve a parenting puzzle and figure out the best way to move forward, and even find a prize at the end (which doesn't involve giving out a time out or contemplating boarding school).

Well, I think I've found the next best thing to help alleviate some of this pent-up frustration in not finding the "right" answer to every parenting challenge. It's an escape into a magical world where an enchanting village has an accompanying soundtrack of soft Paris-style café music, where one can meet charming gentlemen, and mingle with some upper-class ladies over tea. Oh, my kids have tried to go there with me ... but they can't. Because I'm the one holding the Nintendo DSi unit right now.

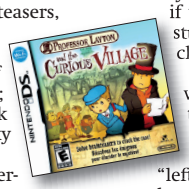
Professor Layton and the Curious Village is more than a game — it's a story, an experience, and a fresh relief from the day-to-day puzzles we face.





Professor Layton and the Curious Village gives Nintendo DSi players the chance to solve classic and original brainteasers.

As I worked my way around the charming village of St. Mystere, I was asked to help the professor and his young charge solve some classic and some original brainteasers, in order to earn coins, find pieces of old paintings; even track down a cranky cat.



I was understandably reluctant to pass the DSi to my kids — I just figured out I need to open that blue door! Give it back! Ten more minutes! What's great about this game is that many of the brainteasers can be redeployed on paper, for the kids to work on while I discover what's through the clock tower, and why that villager is so disagreeable.

Nintendo Canada's Matt Ryan says the game was developed with a family experience in mind.

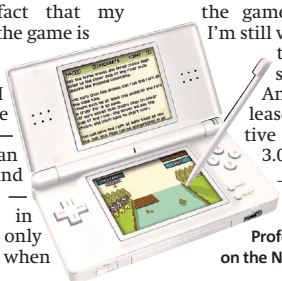
"The puzzles in Professor Layton and the Curious Village can be solved by an individual but there is the opportunity to have fun as a group when you put your minds together," he says. "The characters are a laugh and the puzzles vary in difficulty ... don't worry, even if the whole family is stumped, you can use clues to help out."

"Don't worry, even if the whole family is stumped, you can use clues to help out." Matt Ryan

There's the classic wolf/chick crossing the river game, silly riddles involving candles that are "left over" at the end, and even a match stick dead dog. What more could you want?

Of course, as a busy mom, I only get to play the game in short bursts of time — darn kids and their homework, needing to be fed, and bedtime — so I love the fact that my progress in the game is recapped every time I start it up. I also like the fact that — unlike human children and most adults — the people in the story only talk to you when you tap them with the Nintendo pen. If only life could imitate this art.

My favourite puzzle so far has been the Bickering Brothers, whom I had to strategically place around a dinner table, with certain brothers only getting along with certain other brothers. I do this every night at the dinner table with my own four squabbling children, so I solved this one in no time flat. In the game, that is. I'm still working on the real life solution. And the release of Positive Parenting 3.0.



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Nintendo

Meyers in hot water
Actor Jonathan Rhys Meyers has reportedly been arrested for hitting a waiter at a bar in Charles de Gaulle airport, according to AFP. Meyers, who is fresh out of rehab for alcohol, will appear in a Paris court in September. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Beyoncé's first family fans

FAMOUS FANS Beyoncé had some special guests at her concert in Washington, D.C., usmagazine.com reports.

Michelle Obama brought daughters Malia and Sasha — along with her friends from Chicago and some of her White House staff — to the singer's show at the Verizon Center Wednesday night.

Before she belted Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It), Beyoncé gave a shout-out to the first daughters, the Washington Post reports.

"This is for Sasha and Malia — and all my single ladies!" she said.

This isn't the first time Beyoncé has performed for the Obama family. She sang the classic song, At Last, for the Obamas during their first dance on inauguration night in January.

Shortly after the inauguration festivities, Beyoncé told Vogue magazine that Michelle considered her a role model for her girls.

"She told me she was very happy that her girls have someone like me to look up to," Beyoncé said. "And I'm like, 'Oh, my God.' You have to feel fortunate to be one of the people whom parents don't mind their children looking up to."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jen and Bradley an item: Source

SECRET NO MORE Jennifer Aniston and Bradley Cooper are a pair, according to sources for Star magazine.

The pair was spotted sharing an intimate dinner in New York City recently, when a source "went over to say hi to them, and I noticed they were holding hands under the table because they let go to shake my hand."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Murder charges for Billy Bob's daughter in tot's death

TURN OF EVENTS Billy Bob Thornton's daughter has been charged with first-degree murder, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Amanda Brumfield — who is estranged from her actor father — was also indicted on aggravated child abuse and aggravated manslaughter charges on Wednesday, following the death of a one-year-old girl in her care in Florida last October.

The 29-year-old — who was charged with child neglect causing harm or disability earlier this month — was booked at the Orange County jail.

When she was initially arrested, Brumfield reportedly told police the child died after sustaining a head injury following a fall from a playpen. It is alleged she did not call for help for two-and-a-half hours.

An autopsy showed the youngster had a fractured skull and a brain injury, prompting the death to be ruled a homicide, the website adds.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Rachel asks for privacy

PRIVATE PAIN Rachel Hunter is begging the media leave her in peace as she comes to terms with her broken engagement.

The 39-year-old was due to marry Canadian hockey star Jarret Stoll in August, but the 27-year-old reportedly called off the wedding this week, without giving his bride-to-be any explanation.

Hunter's representative has now confirmed the breakup, and is asking the press to let the model deal with her troubles away from the spotlight.

A statement reads, "The August wedding of Rachel Hunter and Jarret Stoll has been cancelled and the couple have decided to split. We ask you (the media) to respect Rachel and her family's privacy during this extremely upsetting time."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jackie O and Brando?

SECRET TRYST? A new book claims that actor Marlon Brando and former U.S. first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis shared a passionate affair in 1964, something Brando had wanted to include in his 1994 memoir.

But an editor at Random House who was friends with the former first lady encouraged him to leave the details out, according to Page Six.

"I'm not sure she knew what she was doing sexually, but she did it well," Brando wrote, according to an excerpt from the new book.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Angie's jealous side

THREE'S A CROWD Angelina Jolie may be completely happy with her life with Brad Pitt, but that doesn't mean she's OK with his ex-wife still getting in touch.

Jolie is reportedly peeved about Jennifer Aniston's alleged habit of sending Pitt inspirational text messages and odd gifts to his production office.

Jolie has even warned Aniston to back off, according to the Daily Mirror.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Katy really loves pizza

A REAL FOOD LOVER Katy Perry set her fans' appetites racing recently when she posted a photo to her Twitter account of herself naked in a hotel bathtub, her body obscured by a tray holding a pizza. "Why is it that after not eating for three days all I can think of is food," she wrote. "Food is smiling at me ... luring me with sexual seduction." The singer had been recuperating in Milan for three days after a bout of the flu.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Jennifer takes a hit in recession

CORPORATE SPEAK Times are tough all over. Jennifer Lopez has been forced to halt production on her clothing line, Sweetface, according to E! News.

The company is putting a positive spin on it, though: "We have decided to put the Sweetface line on hiatus while we prepare to reintroduce the brand in the near future with new messaging points and an entirely new fashion point of view," a company rep said in a statement.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Amy's got a side project

FOR EVERY OCCASION Amy Winehouse has found a new way to make money while in the Caribbean working on her album.

She's reportedly putting out a line of greeting cards and wrapping paper featuring her lyrics.

"The Amy wrapping paper and gift cards received a very positive response. These are songs which have a great resonance with the public," Jonathan Channon of EMI told the Times of India.

METRO WORLD NEWS

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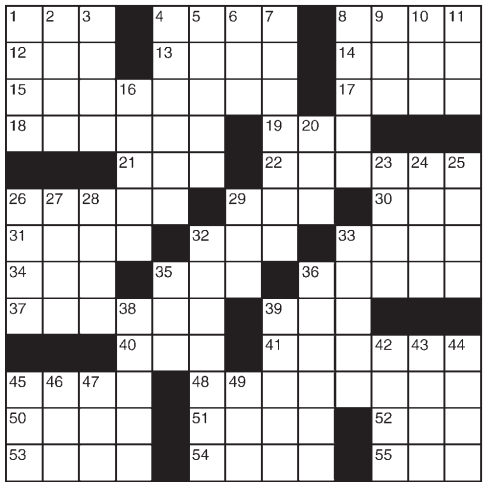

Crossword across

1 Totally dominate
4 Right on the map?
8 Liking a lot
12 Shooter ammo
13 Jubilation
14 Disposition
15 Where salmon go to spawn
17 Motivate
18 Gazing one
19 Chart format
21 "Guinness Book" suffix
22 Transmission to a spacecraft
26 Rural buildings
29 "No seats"
30 Dress in
31 Supplemented, with "out"
32 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
33 — gin fizz
34 Dead heat
35 Happiness
36 Public squabble
37 "You betcha!"
39 Spring mo.
40 Smokestack output
41 Shamelessly bold
45 Dixieland music
48 Entry on a team's schedule
50 Bassoon's cousin
51 Wine's aroma
52 Yank
53 Implement
54 Active one
55 Early bird?

Crossword down

1 Piece of work
2 Sobbed
3 Houston acronym
4 Exit
5 On the qui vive
6 Poseidon's realm
7 Deep-fried recipe
8 Urge
9 Neither mate
10 As well
11 Peculiar
16 Pollster's find
20 Wall St. debut
23 Between jobs
24 Lunchtime, often
25 Banjo supporter
26 — carotene
27 In the same family
28 50-Across need
29 Agent
32 Rancher
33 Raw-boned person
35 Alcott book, "— Boys"
36 More agile
38 The Baxters' maid
39 Humiliate
42 Fill till full
43 Complacent
44 Safecracker
45 Least bit
46 Blood-group letters
47 Menagerie
49 Court

Sudoku

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4	3			9		8		6
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

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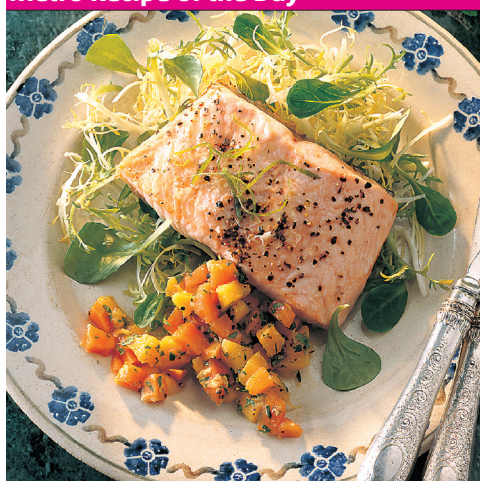

Salmon with Tropical Fruit Salsa

INGREDIENTS:
4 salmon steaks
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
SALSA:
1 small mango
1 small papaya
1in. (2.5cm) piece fresh ginger
Handful of mint leaves
1 lime
Salt and black pepper
METHOD:
1. Preheat grill to moderate and cover rack with foil.
2. For salsa, cut mango in half, remove flesh, dice finely and put into bowl. Cut papaya in half, scoop out and discard seeds, finely dice flesh and add to mango.
3. Peel ginger and grate into bowl. Rinse, dry and chop mint and add to bowl.
4. Wash wax off lime. Remove few shreds of zest for garnish. Grate the rest and add to salsa. Squeeze juice and add half to bowl, reserving remainder.
5. Season salsa with salt and plenty of pepper; mix well.
6. Put salmon steaks, skin sides down, onto foil on broiler rack. Brush with olive oil, season and sprinkle with remaining lime juice. Broil 6–8 minutes without turning. fish is done when flesh flakes easily.
7. Serve grilled salmon garnished with lime zest and accompanied by salsa.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
The winds of fate may be blowing you here, there and everywhere at the moment but there is no need to panic.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Something you were barely half-hearted about yesterday will fill you with enthusiasm today. What a difference 24 hours makes.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The more others say you need to act now the more likely it is they are thinking of their own needs rather than your own.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Give your imagination permission to roam and don't reject what it comes up with just because it seems so outrageous.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
According to the planets you are very close to the tipping point, where one small adjustment or alteration somehow changes everything.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The more someone points out your errors, the more likely it is they are trying to destroy your confidence — and the more determined you must be.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may have big plans for the next few months but as mind planet Mercury is at odds with Saturn today you are strongly advised to wait.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You are not the sort to take much notice of alternative arguments but someone will give you some seriously good advice today.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Not everything may be going your way at the moment but the world is still a beautiful place and there are still enough heroes to inspire you.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You may have no solid evidence that someone is trying to cheat you but your instincts are screaming at you to be on your guard.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may not be the world's best at working with other people but, like it or not, you are part of a team.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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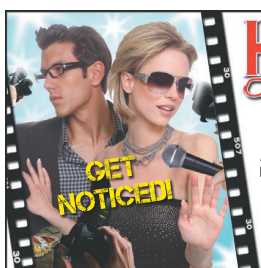

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